

**MINUTES of the GRANT COUNTY
AREA BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
April 7, 2014**

A PUBLIC HEARING OF THE GRANT COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS was held on Monday, April 7, 2014 at 6:00 P.M. on the first floor of the Grant County Office Complex at 401 South Adams Street, Marion, Indiana.

The following members were present: Lois Jones, William Johnson, Doug Kingseed, Teresa Mendoza, Bob Monroe, Karen Owen, Chip Long, Chairman.

Staff present was Executive Director Steve Niblick and Recording Secretary Debbie Wallace.

Chip Long brought the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Lois Jones moved and Doug Kingseed seconded that the minutes from March 3, 2014 be approved with a clarification; vote was 7-0; motion carried. Clarification from last meeting was Bill Johnson's question last month on Docket #01SP-14; specifically, Bill Johnson wanted it known that his question over the roadway being in the floodplain referred to the drive leading back to the proposed cell tower.

Steve Niblick went over the rules and procedures.

Docket: 02BZAV-14 **Public Hearing**

Name: Madison-Grant School Corp

Address: 500 South Sycamore Street, Fairmount, Indiana

Zoning District: Residential-3 (R3)

Legal Description: Being 12.8 acres more or less and located in the Southwest Quarter of Section 29 in Fairmount Township, Fairmount Corp, Grant County, Indiana

Request: allow construction of a freestanding sign with the face area to be forty (40) square feet instead of the allowable twenty (20) square feet and eight (8) feet in height instead of the allowable six (6) feet in height.

Steve Niblick stated this is a request for two development standards; 1) size of face of the sign and 2) height of sign. The variance must meet four criteria and if the petitioner can answer criteria numbers two, three and four then the staff recommendation is favorable. There is a question of this being a need or a "want"; the APC office received one phone call inquiring what the variance was but had no objection. Fairmount Town Council gave a favorable recommendation.

Chad Bailey, Vanadco Sign Company and Steve Vore, Madison-Grant School Corporation were present. Chad stated that the brick structure has been in place for approximately one year. Vanadco sign company is installing the sign; it will only use amber color; no multi-color. The sign will be lighted, no flood lights and will have an automatic dimmer; no bright lights will be on during the night.

Teresa Mendoza questioned if a timer could be put on it to turn it off at night.

Bob Monroe questioned why the sign was raised two feet higher.

Chad Bailey responded that the sign would have an option to put it on a timer and the actual sign face will be lower than the brick portion.

No objectors were in the audience and none on file.

Motion: Bill Johnson moved and Doug Kingseed seconded to approve Docket #02BZAV-14 as presented. All members present voted yes. Vote 7-0; motion carried.

There was a general discussion held by the board members and Steve Niblick regarding sign regulations.

There being no other business Bill Johnson moved and Lois Jones seconded to adjourn, vote 7-0; meeting adjourned at 6:18 PM.

Chip Long, Chairman