

**MINUTES of the GRANT COUNTY  
AREA BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS**

**May 3, 2021**

**A PUBLIC HEARING OF THE GRANT COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS** was held on Monday, May 3rd, 2021, 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: Ed Hartman, Chip Long, Bob Monroe, Bill Johnson, and Lois Jones. Ron Howe and Rex Maynard were present via phone.

Staff present: Ryan Malott, Executive Director; Kyle Persinger, Attorney for Area Plan; Brenda Harrison, Executive Administrative Assistant; Aaron Elsworth, Building Inspector; and Nicole Bailey, Code Enforcement Officer.

1. Ed Hartman brought the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of the Minutes

- 3.2 Mr. Hartman asked Brenda Harrison to read the minutes for April 5th, 2021. The minutes from April 5th, 2021 were approved as submitted after correction is made. Motion made by Lois Jones and Rex Maynard seconded. Members Chip Long, Rex Maynard, Lois Jones, Ron Howe, Bob Monroe, and Bill Johnson, voted yes.

4. FINDING OF FACTS

4.1 - April 5, 2021

The finding of facts was skipped until the end of the meeting. Mr. Hartman asked that the address for Mr. Hochstedler be corrected. No vote was taken at this time.

5. PUBLIC HEARING(S)

- 5.1 **Docket:** 04BZAV-21 (**Public Hearing**)      **Name:** Matthew & Kristina Thorne  
**Address:** 10390 E 500 S, Upland  
**Zoning District:** Residential Suburban (RS)  
**Legal Description:** Being 5 acres, more or less and located in the Southwest Quarter of Section 35 in Monroe Township  
**Request:** To allow an accessory building to be 12 feet from the west property line instead of the required 24 feet.  
Mr. Thorne represented the petition and answered questions from the board.

There were no objectors.

The public hearing was closed.

**MOTION:** Lois Jones motioned to approve Docket #04BZAV-21. Bill Johnson seconded. Ron Howe, Bill Johnson, Lois Jones, Chip Long, Rex Maynard, and Bob Monroe voted Yes; Motion Carried.

6. OPEN PUBLIC FORUM

There was no one from the public present to speak.

7. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Malott gave an update on Sign/ Zoning Issue currently being monitored in Upland by the Area Plan Office. Mr. Malott stated that an E-mail was sent to the Habitants of the Ivanhoe Plaza, John Bonham (Town Board President), and Jonathan Perez (Upland Town Manager) on April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021. As of the time of the BZA Meeting, he has received no response. Mr. Malott stated he would keep the Board updated.

8. LEGAL REPORT, Mr. Persinger

Mr. Persinger discussed a New Statue that was recently passed that would allow permanent video & audio for Board Meetings/Participation. Mr. Persinger stated that certain Rule & Parameters will need to be adopted by local jurisdictions (governing body). Statue will require board members to be "seen & heard" for voting, but participation is allowable by phone, but not voting (unless member can be seen & heard by video). Mr. Persinger stated he will keep us updated as there will be more to come.

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, meeting adjourned at 6:25 PM.



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Ed Hartman, Chairman