

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

February 7, 2022

- **Meeting Note: “Owl” for recording was still set for “Noise Cancellation” by IT Dept. from the Solar Education Workshop, IT Dept. did not reset the sound for the “Owl”, much of the Meeting is difficult to hear due to this issue. Some comments (midrange or less) cannot be heard. Many who spoke did not step up to the podium.**

A PUBLIC HEARING OF THE GRANT COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS was held on Monday, February 7, 2022, at 6:00 P.M. at the Grant County Fairgrounds at 1403 E State Road 18, Marion, Indiana.

The following members were present: Ed Hartman, Chip Long, Rex Maynard, Ron Howe, and Lois Jones. Bill Johnson was present via phone.

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

1. Ed Hartman brought the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of the Minutes
 - 3.1 Director Malott read the minutes for the December 13, 2021 meeting. Chip Long moved to approve, and Lois Jones seconded. Bill Johnson, Ron Howe, Chip Long, Rex Maynard, and Lois Jones voted yes. Motion carried.
 - 3.2 Director Malott read the minutes for the January 3, 2022 meeting. Lois Jones moved to approve as submitted after corrections are done, and Rex Maynard seconded. Bill Johnson, Ron Howe, Chip Long, Rex Maynard, and Lois Jones voted yes. Motion carried.
4. Finding of Facts – 01BZAV-22 Upland Community Church

Rex Maynard moved to approve the findings of fact, and Chip Long seconded. Bill Johnson, Ron Howe, Chip Long, Rex Maynard, and Lois Jones voted yes. Motion carried.
5. PUBLIC HEARING(S)
 - 5.1 02BZAV-22 Sweetser United Methodist Church

Ryan Malott introduced the petition for the Church. No one was present to represent this petition, placed on hold until end of meeting. The church is requesting to place a

new sign where the existing sign is or close to the existing location. The ordinance will not allow a sign larger than 8 sf. The new sign will be 8 x 6, or 48 sf. Charles Sponhauer was the representative for the Church and came in around 6:30 pm. He stated that he was told the BZA meeting was at 7:00 pm. He stated that the current sign had been placed about 40 years ago by a man named Spangler. The church is wanting to place a newer sign. Director Malott stated that the new sign is a digital sign and is not allowed in Residential zones. Ed Hartman asked if there were any objectors. There were none and the hearing was closed. Board decided to table petition until next month.

Motion made by Ron Howe and seconded by Lois Jones. Members Ron Howe, Bill Johnson, Lois Jones, Chip Long and Rex Maynard voted yes to table until next meeting. Motion carried.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 Rules of procedure – The Board went over the Rules of procedure. Started with 2.1.4 Classification of Use. Director Malott stated that this is not in Indiana Code. With some discussion the Board decided to remove 2.1.4.

Motion made by Rex Maynard; Lois Jones seconded. Members Ron Howe, Bill Johnson, Lois Jones, Chip Long and Rex Maynard voted yes. Motion Carried.

2.1.5 In classifying a use. Director Malott noted that this section is not a part on Indiana Code & goes along with Section 2.1.4. After some discussion, the Board decided that Attorney Kyle Persinger should look into it farther for the next meeting as they may want to keep this section in place.

7. OPEN PUBLIC FORUM

7.1 No Public Comment

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, meeting adjourned at 7:03 PM.



Ed Hartman, Chairman