

CITY OF PIQUA, OHIO
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2014

MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT COMPLEX - COMMISSION CHAMBERS

CALL TO ORDER

At 6:00 Chairperson Steve Reindel called the meeting to order. The Chair read the Introductory Statement of BZA Duties and outlined the order of business to be followed. The Chair reviewed the meeting conduct procedures and swore in those persons in attendance. The Chairman asked all persons present to stand and raise their right hand. The Chairman administered an oath to all persons present to testify before the BZA asking them to swear or affirm to tell the truth, and to acknowledge their intent to abide by the oath administered by stating, "I do" or "opposed". All persons present stood and took the oath to tell the truth with all persons present stating "I do".

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Steve Reindel, Jim Oda, Skip Murray, Dustin Davis, Earl Slater

Members Absent: None

Staff Members: Chris Schmiesing

Attendees: Sylvia Jacobs, Julia Morrow, Mark Hery, Alex Barlage

MEETING MINUTES

Approval of the September 24, 2013 Board of Zoning Appeals minutes. Moved by Mr. Slater, seconded by Mr. Murray. Motion carried on a voice vote 5-0 vote in support of the motion. Minutes were approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 01-14

A Resolution nominating and appointing the chair and vice chair of the BZA.

Chairman Reindel reviewed the nomination process and opened the floor for nominations for chair and vice chair. Mr. Davis moved to nominate and appoint Mr. Murray as Vice-Chair and Mr. Reindel as Chair of the BZA and Mr. Oda seconded the motion. All in favor voted aye in support of the motion.

Resolution 02-14

A Resolution to variance the sign setback requirements to allow a reduced setback for a new sign to be installed at 1125 Covington Avenue. Mr. Schmiesing explained the existing conditions related to the sign currently extending beyond the property line and noting the minimum setback for this sign type is two (2) feet.

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Mark Hery of 1125 Covington Avenue stepped forward to speak on behalf of the request. He noted that the new sign will actually be about 10" narrower than the existing sign. Mr. Hery pointed out that the new sign would replace an older sign and modernize the appearance and capabilities of the signage and noted that if the variance cannot be secured the existing sign will remain.

Board members inquired as to whether the new sign could be reduced in size and still be effective or installed offset on the post to and look appropriate. Mr. Hery indicated that the signage would lose its effectiveness if it were reduced in size, and pointed out that the sign could be installed offset on the post, but that it would be less aesthetically pleasing if it were installed in this manner. Mr. Murray agreed that the sign would look less aesthetically pleasing if installed with an offset. Mr. Oda pointed out the existing sign has been in its current location for 21 years. Mr. Davis pointed out the existing sign was presumably installed with the approval of the proper permits and inspections at the time.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one came forward to speak for or against the resolution.

Mr Oda motioned to approve the variance request as submitted and Mr. Slater seconded the motion. Roll call vote on the motion resulted in Mr. Slater, Mr. Reindel, Mr. Murray, Mr. Oda, and Mr. Davis voting Aye in support of the motion. The resolution was approved by a 5-0 vote.

OTHER BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business before the Board, a motion was made by Mr. Oda, seconded by Mr. Murray. With all those present in favor the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 P.M.