

CITY OF PIQUA, OHIO  
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2020  
MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT COMPLEX -COMMISSION CHAMBERS

**CALL TO ORDER**

At approximately 6:00pm Chairperson Skip Murray 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: Skip Murray, David Fishback, Joe Wilson  
Staff Members: Chris Schmiesing

**MEETING MINUTES**

Approval of the minutes of November 26, 2019 Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting. Meeting minutes were approved.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Resolution No. BZA 01-20**

A resolution requesting a variance to increase the maximum square footage and number of primary and secondary signs at the property known as 308 Looney Rd.

Chris Schmiesing, Community and Economic Development Director provided the staff report.

Chris clarified that the request contains six separate sign variance requests for the new Kettering Health Network building. Typically increased sign square footage may be warranted if a building is particularly large, long, complex, or has a large amount of parking and/or street frontage, or is set back a large distance from a public street. Four of the six variance requests relate directly to public health and safety. Emergency and Ambulance signage, as well as parking lot directional signage, are related directly to getting patients to a healthcare provider in as timely a manner as possible. Staff has reviewed the requests for increased signage and has found them to be acceptable deviations from the zoning code.

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Jon Cowell, applicant, Kettering, came forward and stated that he works at Select Signs alongside Kettering Health Network on this sign project. He noted the importance of the directional and emergency signage. He stated that the city staff has been easy to work with and the variance request is a comfortable compromise.

Jimmy Phillips, Centerville, came forward and stated that he is the Director of Marketing and Communications for Kettering Health Network. The Piqua location is scheduled to open in August of 2020. He noted that the increased signage is important, as it provides easy access and an increased level of care as it relates to public safety.

After no further public comment or deliberation, a motion was made by Joe Wilson and seconded by David Fishback. Resolution No. BZA 01-20 was approved with a 3-0 vote.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no other business before the Board, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. With all those present in favor the meeting was adjourned at 6:17 P.M.

Attending the meeting to prepare the meeting minutes provided herein was Bethany Harp, Administrative Assistant, City of Piqua Development Department. Comments requesting corrections, additions or deletions to the content of this record should be directed to Ms. Harp at [bharp@piquaoh.org](mailto:bharp@piquaoh.org).