

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
OF THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA AND PUBLIC HEARING
March 2, 2016**

Vice Chairman Josh Gunselman called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals to order at 6:30 p.m. Secretary Dan Buck took roll call as follows:

Jerry Uebelhor, Chairman	-Absent	Randy Mehringer	-Present
Josh Gunselman, Vice Chairman	-Present	Darla Blazey Director of Community Development/Planning	-Present
Dan Buck, Secretary	-Present	Renee Kabrick, City Attorney	-Present
Matt Schaick	-Present		

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Chairman Gunselman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Minutes of the February 3, 2016 regular meeting were reviewed. There were two corrections. On page 2, paragraph 2, it should read “L & R Farms” instead of Eleanor Farms. Also, the first public hearing on page 3 should read “Petition of Daniel Brescher (as owner)” instead of Petition of Daniel Schepers (as owner). Randy Mehringer made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. Secretary Buck seconded it. The motion carried 4-0.

STATEMENT

Vice Chairman Gunselman read the following statement. “We are now ready to begin the public hearings scheduled for this evening. With respect to tonight’s meeting and public hearings, we are hereby incorporating by reference into the record of tonight’s meeting and public hearings, City of Jasper Ordinance Number 1993-17, entitled “Zoning Ordinance of the City of Jasper, Indiana and its jurisdictional area” and any and all amendments thereto, and the City of Jasper Comprehensive Plan. Audio and videotapes of these proceedings are also incorporated by reference into this evening’s record.”

OLD BUSINESS

Petition of Bernadette M. Pfeiffer & Edwin P. Pfeiffer, as owners, for a variance from the required road frontage for a lot in an A-1 (Agriculture) zone and a Petition of Bernadette M. Pfeiffer & Edwin P. Pfeiffer, as owners, for a special exception to allow a single-family dwelling in an A-1 (Agriculture) zone

After receiving a request from the petitioner, Secretary Buck made a motion to table the public hearing. Randy Mehringer seconded it. Motion carried 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Petition of Cave Quarries for a variance from Section 16.02.140 (Height Regulations) to build an addition to an accessory building

Brad Eckerle was present on behalf of Cave Quarries to request a variance to construct an addition onto the existing accessory building located at 935 S. Newton Street. A site plan was displayed showing a proposed height of 24 feet, matching the height of the existing structure.

There were no remonstrators present. Following some discussion, Secretary Buck made a motion to close the public hearing. Matt Schaick seconded it. Motion carried 4-0.

Randy Mehringer made a motion to grant a variance from Section 16.02.140 (Height Regulations) to build an addition to an accessory building with the height not to exceed 24 feet. Secretary Buck seconded it. Motion carried 4-0.

Petition of Riverfront Properties, LLC Ken Sternberg (as owner) and Hannah Fuhs (as petitioner) for a variance to allow a dog kennel business in a Flood zone

Hannah Fuhs was present to request a variance to operate a dog kennel business at 613 E. Sixth Street. Ken Sternberg, owner of the property (Riverfront Properties, LLC), was also present. Plans are to operate the business as a dog kennel day care and boarding with potential plans to add grooming and obedience training in the future. Hours would be 6:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. The dogs would be outside between 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. for daycare pickup.

A sketch was displayed showing a proposed six-foot privacy fence to be placed in the back end of the property for the dogs' outside play time.

There were no remonstrators present. Following some discussion, Secretary Buck made a motion to close the public hearing. Randy Mehringer seconded it. Motion carried 4-0.

Randy Mehringer made a motion to grant a variance to operate a dog kennel business and all associated activities and improvements as presented at 613. E. Sixth Street. Secretary Buck seconded it. Motion carried 4-0.

Petition of Kimball Electronics Group, LLC for a variance from Section 16.035.020 (General Requirements) for an off-premise sign and a variance from Section 16.035.060 (Business and Industrial Zoning Sign Standards) for a monument sign

Brad Eckerle, of Brosmer Land Surveying, was present on behalf of Kimball Electronics Group, LLC, to request an off-premise sign to be erected in the place of a former Kimball sign at the southwest corner of U.S. 231 and 12th Avenue. The property of the proposed sign location is owned by Kimball International, which as of October 2014 is a separate company from Kimball Electronics Group.

The proposed 75 square-foot monument sign would be lit from inside and read, “Kimball Electronics Headquarters” with an arrow pointing west. The sign would be located 2,000 feet east of the company. The sign’s intent would let people know of the company’s new location.

Board members expressed concern that allowing the request would set a precedent. According to the City’s ordinance, off-premise signs are not allowed on property a company does not own.

Following several minutes of discussion, Mr. Eckerle asked the board to table the request so that a Kimball Electronics representative can be present at the next meeting.

Secretary Buck made a motion to table the public hearing. Randy Mehringer seconded it. Motion carried 4-0.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further discussion, Randy Mehringer made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Secretary Buck. Motion carried 4-0, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Jerry Uebelhor, Chairman

Dan Buck, Secretary

Recording Secretary, Kathy Pfister