

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
OF THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA AND PUBLIC HEARING
February 6, 2019**

Chairman Josh Gunselman called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals to order at 6:30 p.m. Roll call was taken as follows:

Josh Gunselman, Chairman	-Present	Anthony Seng	-Present
Dan Buck, Vice Chairman	-Absent	Darla Blazey, Director of C.D./Planning	-Present
Matt Schaick, Secretary	-Present	Renee Kabrick, City Attorney	-Present
Randy Mehringer	-Present		

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Minutes of the January 2, 2019 regular meeting were reviewed. Randy Mehringer made a motion to approve the minutes as mailed. Anthony Seng seconded it. Motion carried 4-0.

STATEMENT

Chairman Josh Gunselman read the following statement. "We are now ready to begin the public hearing 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 2016-30, entitled "Unified Development Ordinance of the City of Jasper, Indiana and its jurisdictional area" and any and all amendments thereto, and the City of Jasper Comprehensive Plan. Pursuant to Article V, Sections 2, 3 and 4 of the BZA rules of procedure, presentation by a Petitioner shall be limited to 15 minutes. The Call for remonstrators shall be limited to 20 minutes; with individuals limited to no more than 5 minutes at the Chairman's discretion. Such time limits may be increased by a majority vote of the board members present."

NEW BUSINESS

Petition of Little Company of Mary Hospital of Indiana, Inc.- AKA Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center for a variance from the City of Jasper's Unified Development Ordinance 2016-30 Chapter 8 Section 8.3 Exemptions Subsection A.10 Banners

Gerald Miller, Construction Manager for Memorial Hospital, was present to request a variance to attach a 20' x 30' square-foot banner to the front façade of the building for a period of two years. CEO Kyle Bennett was also present and explained the purpose of the banner. The banner was awarded to Memorial Hospital as a presidential level honor. The award recognizes exemplary U.S. organizations and businesses that demonstrate an unceasing drive for radical innovation, thoughtful leadership and administrative improvement.

Discussion followed. The request was to display the banner for a minimum of two years, the sign company's length of warranty. The award is recognized for five years. Board members

were in agreement to allow the banner for two years, and if needed longer, the petitioner could come back to the board for further approval.

With no remonstrators present, Secretary Matt Schaick made a motion to close the public hearing. Anthony Seng seconded it. Motion carried 4-0. Anthony Seng then made a motion to grant a variance as presented for two years from date of installation. Secretary Matt Schaick seconded it. Motion carried 4-0.

Petition of Ryan M. and Blayr D. Kramer for a variance from Title 16 of the Jasper Municipal Code, commonly known as the Unified Development Ordinance, Section 16.07.10.A.4 Accessory Uses and Structures for a proposed accessory building

Brad Eckerle, of Brosmer Land Surveying, was present on behalf of Ryan and Blayr Kramer, 533 University Drive, to request a variance to construct a detached garage with an average height of 25.5 feet. A site plan was displayed. The proposed height would aesthetically match the attached garage of the residence. Mr. Eckerle informed the board he will be obtaining approval for relocation of an easement, and also a re-plat and annexation of the property.

There were no remonstrators present. Following a short discussion, Anthony Seng made a motion to close the public hearing. Randy Mehringer seconded it. Motion carried 4-0. Randy Mehringer then made a motion to grant a variance as presented, with an average height of 25.5 feet. Secretary Matt Schaick seconded it. Motion carried 4-0.

Petition of District of Jasper of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul for a variance from the City of Jasper's Unified Development Ordinance 2016-30 Chapter 8 Section 8.7 Standards for Business (Except B2), Industrial and Conservation Park Districts Subsection D.2. Free-Standing Signs (Monument Sign) to allow a monument sign with an electronic reader board

Gerald Vonderheide, of St. Vincent de Paul, was present to request a variance to replace an existing sign with an electronic message center on the property located at 1320 Third Avenue. According to the City's sign ordinance, message centers are not allowed on monument type signs. Director of Community Development and Planning Darla Blazey explained that the sign permit submitted for the proposed sign was mistakenly approved as a static sign, unaware that it was an electronic message center on a monument sign.

Mr. Vonderheide said the message center would be steady movement of approximately 15 different messages a day. The messages would include advertisement of the donation area, sales and store hours. Kip Husk, President of Husk Signs, appeared before the board on behalf of his client, to answer any questions concerning measurements of the sign (3 x 8 sq. ft. live area / 3.45h x 8.4w). Some discussion followed.

With no remonstrators present, Secretary Matt Schaick made a motion to close the public hearing. Anthony Seng seconded it. Motion carried 4-0. Schaick then made a motion to grant a variance as presented. Randy Mehringer seconded it. Chairman Josh Gunselman voted against the motion. Motion carried 3-1. Mr. Gunselman was not in favor of the motion due to the sign having no limitations on movement.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further discussion, Randy Mehringer made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Anthony Seng. The motion passed 4-0, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Josh Gunselman, Chairman

Matt Schaick, Secretary

Recording Secretary, Kathy Pfister