

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
OF THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA, AND PUBLIC HEARING
March 5, 2025**

The Board of Zoning Appeals met on Wednesday, March 5, 2025. Notice was given in compliance with Indiana's Open Meeting Law.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Blake Krueger called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

	In person	By Zoom	Absent
Blake Krueger, Chairman	✓	—	—
Dennis Tedrow, Vice Chairman	✓	—	—
Julie Dutchess, Secretary	✓	—	—
Gerry Miller	✓	—	—
Andy Smith	✓	—	—
City Attorney Renee Kabrick	✓	—	—
Director of C.D./Planning Josh Gunselman	✓	—	—

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Minutes of the February 5, 2025, regular meeting were reviewed. Dennis Tedrow made a motion to approve the minutes. Gerry Miller seconded it. Motion carried 5-0.

STATEMENT

Chairman Blake Krueger 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 there to, 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

Derick Wiggins, as owner and petitioner, for a variance from 16.4.5.C. aka Chapter 4 Districts, Low Density Residential (R1), District Standards, Minimum Rear Setbacks, of the City of Jasper's Unified Development Ordinance to allow an accessory structure to not meet the required 15 feet setback, and a variance from 16.7.10.A.4 aka Chapter 7 Development Standards, Accessory Uses and Structures, Allowance, of the City of Jasper's Unified Development Ordinance to allow an accessory structure to not be subordinate in height to the primary structure, and a variance from 16.7.10.A.8.a aka Chapter 7 Development Standards, Accessory Uses and Structures, Allowance, of the City of Jasper's Unified Development Ordinance to allow an accessory structure to not be compatible in style and materials with the principal structure

Derick Wiggins was present on behalf of petitions filed to allow him to build an accessory structure on his property located at 1490 W 36th Street. Mr. Wiggins explained that the Improvement Location Permit he filed was denied as the plans submitted noted the proposed accessory structure not meeting the required 15 feet setback, would not be subordinate in height to the primary structure, and would not be compatible in style and materials to the primary structure.

Mr. Wiggins reported that he could not meet the setback requirement as his yard was fenced and the meeting the required setback would block the gate and entrance to his back yard. He also explained that the height variance was requested as 12-foot doors were required and the addition of the roof pitch in order to store his pontoon boat. Mr. Wiggins noted that the materials compatibility variance was requested as his home is painted brick and the proposed structure would be metal siding with wainscoting but in a color-scheme to compliment his home.

Chairman Krueger opened the public hearing. As there were no remonstrators present, Dennis Tedrow made a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Andy Smith. Motion carried 5-0. After further discussion, Dennis Tedrow made a motion to approve the variance to allow a structure to not meet the required minimum rear setback of 15 feet but to not exceed 5 feet minimum. The motion was seconded by Gerry Miller. Motion carried 5-0. Dennis Tedrow made a motion to allow the accessory structure to not exceed 21 feet in height. Gerry Miller seconded it. Motion carried 5-0. Dennis Tedrow then made a motion to allow the accessory structure to not be compatible in style and materials to the primary structure. Andy Smith seconded it. Motion carried 5-0.

Friends of Jasper Baseball Inc, Petitioner, & Greater Jasper Consolidated Schools, Owner for a special exception (16.04.7 aka Chapter 4 Section 4.7 (Medium Density Residential (R3)) B. R3 Special Exception Uses of the City's Unified Development Ordinance 2016-30 to allow a park or recreational facility and appurtenances in a R3 zoning district

Brad Eckerle, Brosmer Land Surveying and Engineering, was present on behalf of a Special Exception petition filed to allow a wiffle ball field in an R-3 zone. The proposed location is at Ruxer Field, between Thirteenth and Tenth Streets.

Mr. Eckerle noted that the Unified Development Ordinance allows a park or recreational facility as a Special Exception use in an R-3 Zone. Chairman Krueger opened the public hearing. As there were no remonstrators present, Dennis Tedrow made a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Andy Smith. Motion carried 5-0.

After further discussion, Gerry Miller made a motion to grant a Special Exception allowing a wiffle ball field in an R-3 Zone. Julie Dutchess seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0

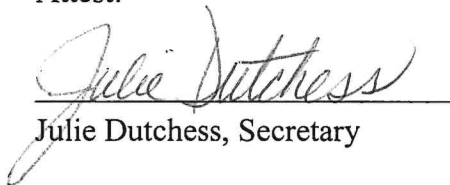
ADJOURNMENT

With no further discussion, Andy Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Dennis Tedrow. Motion carried 5-0, and the meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.



Blake Krueger, Chairman

Attest:



Julie Dutchess, Secretary

Recording Secretary, Becki Moorman