

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
OF THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA, AND PUBLIC HEARING
July 2, 2025**

The Board of Zoning Appeals met on Wednesday, July 2, 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 June 4, 2025, regular meeting were reviewed. Dennis Tedrow made a motion to approve the minutes. Andy Smith 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

City of Jasper, Indiana, as owner and River Centre LLC, as petitioner, for a variance from Chapter 7 Section 13 (Outdoor Sales, Display, and Storage) of the City of Jasper's Unified Development Ordinance 2016-30 to allow an outdoor sales display and storage unit

WITHDRAWN

Chairman Blake Kruger announced that this appeal was withdrawn.

Brian P. & Lori A. Murphy, as owner and petitioner, for a variance from Chapter 4 Section 4.3 (RR District Standards) the City's Unified Development Ordinance 2016-30 to allow a rear setback less than 15 feet

Brad Eckerle, Brosmer Land Surveying and Engineering was present on behalf of Brian P. and Lori A. Murphy. Mr. Eckerle noted that the variance references the northeast corner of the rural residential property owned by the Murphys. The Murphys requested that the rear setback be altered to less than the required 15 ft. setback. A utility easement exists, and this would encroach into it. The easement is maintained by the City of Jasper and Huntingburg Gas exists within. Huntingburg Utilities have signed off and the Murphy's will seek an encroachment request from the Board of Public Works and Safety. This is to allow for the development of an accessory building on the northeast corner of the Murphy's property.

After further discussion, Chairman Krueger opened the public hearing. As there were no remonstrators present, Secretary Jule Dutchess motioned to close the public hearing, seconded by Andy Smith. Motion carried 5-0. Gerry Miller made a motion to approve the rear setback variance as presented and Vice Chairman Dennis Tedrow seconded. The variance was approved 5-0.

Deaconess Memorial Medical Center, as owner and petitioner, for a variance from Chapter 8, Signage, Section 3.A.12, Exemptions, Exempt Signs, (Directional Signs) of the City's Unified Development Ordinance 2016-30, to allow directional signs to exceed 4 feet in height and/or 4 square feet in area, and a variance from Chapter 8, Signage, Section 6, Standards for Agricultural and Residential Districts, D.1, Institutional Signs, of the City's Unified Development Ordinance 2016-30, to allow more than 1 sign to be displayed per lot frontage, and a variance from Chapter 8, Signage, Section 6, Standards for Agricultural and Residential Districts, D.2, Institutional Signs, of the City's Unified Development Ordinance 2016-30, to allow the aggregate size of all sign to exceed 24 square feet in area, and a variance from Chapter 8, Signage, Section 7, Standards for Business (Except B2), Industrial, and Conservation Park Districts, D.2, Free Standing Signs, of the City's Unified Development Ordinance 2016-30, to allow the surface area of a monument sign to exceed 50 square feet, and a variance from Chapter 8, Signage, Section 7, Standards for Business (Except B2), Industrial, and Conservation Park Districts, D.3, Post and Panel Signs, of the City's Unified Development Ordinance 2016-30, to allow the maximum surface area of the panel to exceed 15 square feet in area in a landscape orientation

Scott Elpers, Custom Signs was present on behalf of Deaconess Memorial Medical Center. Mr. Elpers explained that Deaconess is replacing their campus signage with updated copies which mostly increase minimally in size. This replacement will result in 10 signs being increased two

inches in width and two inches – two feet in height. Mr. Elpers supplied the Board with visual diagrams to explain the changes in signage.

After Mr. Elpers' remarks, Chairman Krueger opened the public hearing. Wyatt Koenig, Community Development and Planning Intern, read a letter from John Schmitt in remonstrance noting sight visibility concerns regarding a sign near 13th Street. After discussion, it was agreed that the new sign was lower and outside of the sight visibility triangle and posed no risk and improved the situation. As there were no other remonstrators present, Dennis Tedrow made a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Andy Smith. Vice Chairman Tedrow then made a motion to approve the sign variances as presented. Andy Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

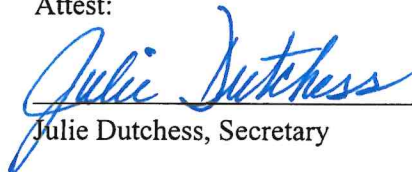
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING INTERN

Community Development and Planning Director Josh Gunselman introduced Wyatt Koenig as the City of Jasper's Community Development and Planning Department Summer Intern.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chairman Dennis Tedrow made a motion to adjourn, and Secretary Julie Dutchess seconded. The motion carried, 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:03pm.

Attest:


Julie Dutchess, Secretary


Blake Krueger, Chairman

Recording Secretary, Becki Moorman