

BZA MINUTES

AUGUST 20, 2007

Members present: Bill Davis, James Trautman, Charles Addington, Dale Clevenger, Mike Blankley, Christy Starbuck.

Members absent: Gary Moore.

Staff present: Cathy Flatter, Executive Director, Jamie Stump, Recording Secretary.

Legal representation: Bob Oliver.

Others present: Aaron Jordan, Andrew & Lisa Ashley.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mike Blankley at 7:00 PM.

Chr. Blankley: First item on the agenda tonight is to approve the minutes of the July 16th meeting. I would entertain a motion to approve them without reading if there are no corrections, additions or deletions.

D. Clevenger: So moved.

C. Starbuck: Second.

Chr. Blankley: It has been moved and second that we approve the minutes without reading. All in favor say aye. "Ayes" Opposed (none). We have two items on the agenda tonight.

BZA 2007-26-V (Lisa Ashley, Winchester)

Chr. Blankley: Lisa Ashley would you please come forward. For everyone that is here I will explain how this meeting will go. You will come up and sit at the table and you will identify yourselves and tell us what you want to do. The commission members have an opportunity to ask questions and you can respond to those and then anyone in the audience will have an opportunity to come up and ask questions and you will respond to those. We will go back and forth until everybody has asked and answered all the questions. Then we will take action on it and that is how it goes. Now first of all did you get an Article V explaining how the meeting was conducted and everything?

L. Ashley: Yes.

Chr. Blankley: Jamie, for both applications, were all the notices sent and returned?

J. Stump: Yes.

Chr. Blankley: Okay so I won't forget that then. Okay this is a recorded meeting by the way. So if you would identify yourselves into the microphone.

L. Ashley: Lisa Ashley.

A. Ashley: Andrew Ashley.

Chr. Blankley: Okay now tell us what you would like to do.

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L. Ashley: Well we are requesting a variance to the property lines because of a utility pole that is basically in the center of our property which is kind of making it hard to get a drive way in to a garage. We want to build a garage but we wanted to move it back some.

Chr. Blankley: If I remember, you are asking for 3 1/3 feet closer. Is that what they are asking for?

C. Flatter: Right. The variance is for 3 feet on the south side and a foot and a half on the west side. They have shown on their site plan where that pole is located so the way they are going to position their garage they've shown the garage doors so that they can pull in from the northwest corner and get into their garage. They looked into having the pole, I think, moved or placed some place else and it was such a large expense that it did become a hardship to them because of cost wise and so that is the reason they are asking for the variance.

Chr. Blankley: Do any of the board members have any questions? Anybody in the audience have any questions? If there are no questions I would entertain a motion to take action.

J. Trautman: So moved.

B. Davis: Second.

Chr. Blankley: It has been moved and second that we take action. All in favor say aye. "Ayes" Opposed (none). I would entertain a motion for a roll call vote.

D. Clevenger: So moved.

C. Starbuck: Second.

Chr. Blankley: It has been moved and second that we have a roll call vote. All in favor say aye. "Ayes" Opposed (none). Jamie we are ready for a roll call vote.

A roll call vote was taken: Charles Addington, yes; Mike Blankley, yes; Dale Clevenger, yes; Bill Davis, yes; Gary Moore, absent; Christy Starbuck, yes; James Trautman, yes.

Chr. Blankley: Your petition has been approved.

L. Ashley: Thank you.

C. Flatter: You just need to come in the office and we will give you your permits.

L. Ashley: Okay. Can we come in tomorrow?

C. Flatter: That is fine.

L. Ashley: Great! Thank you.

A. Ashley: Thanks.

BZA 2007-27-V (Earline Sickels, Lynn)

Chr. Blankley: Will you please come forward?

A. Jordan: My name is Aaron Jordan and I am looking to build a porch, an 8' x 16' front porch on a house at 323 N. Main Street in Lynn. We need an 8 feet variance.

Chr. Blankley: What is Mr. Jordan to Mrs. Sickels?

C. Flatter: What is your relationship here with Mrs. Sickels?

A. Jordan: I am the contractor.

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C. Flatter: You are the contractor for Mrs. Sickels? Okay. The porch is only going to be 17 feet from the actual street right-of-way and it is required to be 25 feet. He is asking for an 8 foot variance.

Chr. Blankley: Does any of the committee have any questions?

C. Flatter: I don't know if any of you went down there and looked at this site but if you were to drive east on Price Street, you would see that practically every building, every home and garage that sits east of there is closer to Price Street right-of-way than what this porch is going to be. Of course all those were built years ago when there wasn't setback requirements. This is another example as to why I need to get the ordinance changed so that I can take an average of the yards like 100 feet on one side and 100 feet on the other side and average them out and whatever that average amount is, the person could set within that because it is sitting back further.....

D. Clevenger: There are some of them down there Cathy that are about 6 foot from the road.

C. Flatter: Oh yeah.

C. Addington: I looked at the one just east of you and it is going to stick out farther I believe, closer to the road than what you are going to.

C. Flatter: Yes.

A. Jordan: I drove up through there and some of them are at least 5 or 6 feet from the road.

D. Clevenger: If they park a car there they are pretty much on the road.

A. Jordan: Yes.

D. Clevenger: I mean long ways.

C. Addington: Those steps that are there now will they come out of there?

A. Jordan: Yes. The porch will be right there where the steps are.

Chr. Blankley: Does anybody else have any questions of the petitioner? Well there is nobody in the audience so we don't have to worry about that. So I would entertain a motion to take action on BZA 2007-27-V.

C. Starbuck: So moved.

B. Davis: Second.

Chr. Blankley: All in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. "Ayes" Opposed (none). I would entertain a motion for a roll call vote.

J. Trautman: So moved.

D. Clevenger: Second.

Chr. Blankley: All in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. "Ayes" Opposed (none). Jamie we are ready for a roll call vote.

A roll call vote was taken: Dale Clevenger, yes; Mike Blankley, yes; Charles Addington, yes; James Trautman, yes; Christy Starbuck, yes; Bill Davis, yes; Gary Moore, absent.

C. Flatter: You got your variance. You just need to come in and get your permits.

A. Jordan: Alright. Thank you.

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The meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM.

THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING IS SEPTEMBER 17, 2007 AT 7:00 PM IN THE COMMISSIONERS CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE RANDOLPH CENTER FOR FAMILY OPPORTUNITY, WINCHESTER, INDIANA.

Mike Blankley, Chairman

Dale Clevenger, Vice Chairman

Jamie Stump, Recording Secretary