

**BZA MINUTES**

**MAY 15, 2017**

Members present: Phil DeHaven, Jim Hufford, Bill Davis, Eli Jones, Christy Starbuck

Absent: Jason Hawley, Myron Cougill

Legal Representation: Jason Welch

Staff present: Randy Abel, Executive Director, Debra Johnting, Recording Secretary

Others present: Ed Thornburg, Daniel Edwards, Larry Bradburn, Travis Hatfield, Brandon Miller

Chairman Davis: Welcome everyone to the BZA Meeting. Tonight is May 15, 2017. The first thing I would like to do tonight is to approve the minutes from April 17, 2017. Do I hear a motion? We have a motion and a second, all in favor, opposed? Minutes are approved. The first item on the agenda tonight is BZA2017-12-V. Trustees of the Dunkirk Friends Church. If a representative would like to come up here please. For the record, please state your name and address because this is a recorded meeting.

D. Edwards: My name is Daniel Edwards, I am both Pastor and one of the trustees of the church. My address is 5672 W 700 N, Ridgeville, IN 47380. The church address is 4030 W 50 S, Winchester, IN 47394.

Chairman Davis: I'd like to interrupt you right there, did you receive Article V, Conduct of Hearings from the office?

D. Edwards: Yes we received that.

Chairman Davis: Thank you. Alright, proceed and tell us just what you plan to do.

D. Edwards: Yes, we came in to get a building permit as we'd like to enlarge our sanctuary. We have outgrown the current sanctuary that we are in. We found that we needed a variance for the acreage that we are in. We are sitting on two acres and found out that the requirement is five acres. And the size of the addition we are proposing to add is 52'x34'. What that will do is enlarge the sanctuary part of the church and give us more seating space.

Chairman Davis: Does the board have any questions at this time?

J. Hufford: You are just adding on to the sanctuary, you're not adding on to the restrooms at this time?

D. Edwards: We are not at this point.

Chairman Davis: Thank you. Are there any members of the audience who would like to speak for or against this?

D. Edwards: These are all members of the church.

Chairman Davis: You hope they don't have anything against it. Ok, I'll take that as a no there.

J. Hufford: One thing I will say, though, if you're going to add on for more people, it looks like you are going to have to add on more parking. It looks like you don't have that much parking.

D. Edwards: We do have plans to enlarge the parking as well. We are looking at the best way to do that. It's not been determined which side of the sanctuary we are going to add to.

D. Johnting: This is an older picture, and I think there's a lot more parking now than there was then.

D. Edwards: Yes, the parking goes all the way across now, the trailer is gone and there is parking there now.

J. Hufford: Oh, that's good, ok that's much better.

C. Starbuck: Oh, that's double then pretty much. Much better.

Chairman Davis: Good observation. Anything other comments or questions by the board?

Chairman Davis: None, ok, thank you, I will entertain a motion for action. Motion has been made and seconded for a roll call vote, Debra.

D. Johnting: Jim Hufford, yes, Phil DeHaven, yes, Bill Davis, yes, Elijah Jones, yes, Christy Starbuck, yes and Jason Hawley and Myron Cougill are absent. Motion approved.

Chairman Davis: Ok, see Debra for permits and she'll take care of that. Is there any old business that we need to discuss? None? With that I will take a motion for adjournment. A motion has been made and seconded for adjournment. We are adjourned.

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Bill Davis, Chairman

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Christy Starbuck, Vice-Chairman

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Debra Johnting, Recording Secretary