

MINUTES
WHITLEY COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
REGULAR MEETING
June 24, 2025
7:00 P.M.

Whitley County Government Center
Meeting Room A/B

MEMBERS	PRESENT	ABSENT	STAFF
Kelley Sheiss	X		Nathan Bilger
Danny Wilkinson	X		Brent Bockelman
Doug Wright	X		
Joe Wolf	X		LEGAL COUNSEL
Jack Green	X		Elizabeth Deckard

AUDIENCE MEMBERS

The list of audience members, in-person and electronic, is attached to these minutes. The signed guest list is kept on record.

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mr. Wolf called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Bockelman read the roll call; the members present and absent are listed above.

CONSIDERATION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

The minutes of the May 27, 2025 meeting were presented for review. Mr. Wright moved to approve the minutes with corrections. Seconded by Ms. Sheiss. Minutes were approved by a vote of 5-0.

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH

Ms. Deckard provided the oath to the audience members wishing to speak.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

25- W-SE-7, CURTIS & AMBER STUCKER

Curtis & Amber Stucker, owner of the subject property, is requesting special exception approval for a secondary dwelling unit on the property located at 477 W. 700 North, in Section 4 of Thorncreek Township. The property is currently improved with a dwelling and outbuilding.

Mr. Bockelman presented a summary of the staff report for the petition. He explained that the petitioner proposes to construct a living quarters addition onto an existing detached garage for the relatives to reside. Long-term, the petitioner proposes to convert the dwelling to storage space once it is no longer occupied by a relative. Aerial views were provided with overlays were shown for reference. Review criteria and suggested conditions were discussed.

Amber Stucker, 477 W. 700 North, addressed the Board and explained the project, and the reason for the request is to create a space for her parents to live.

Ms. Sheiss made a motion to approve the petition. The motion was seconded by Mr. Green. Petition 25-W-SE-7 was approved by a vote of 5-0 with the following conditions.

1. The Special Exception is granted as presented.
2. Compliance with recommendations of the Health Department.
3. In addition to the requirements in the Zoning Code definition of “Secondary Dwelling Unit”, the dwelling shall not be used as an income-producing rental unit.

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

Having no other business, Mr. Wolf adjourned the meeting at 8:02 P.M.

GUEST LIST

1. Curtis Stucker.....477 W. 700 North
2. Amber Stucker477 W. 700 North

GUEST LIST – ELECTRONIC