

MINUTES
WHITLEY COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
REGULAR MEETING
January 25, 2022
7:30 P.M.

Whitley County Government Center
Meeting Room A/B

MEMBERS	PRESENT	ABSENT	STAFF
Tim Denihan		X	Nathan Bilger
Sarah Lopez	X		Brent Bockelman
Danny Wilkinson	X		
Doug Wright	X		LEGAL COUNSEL
Joe Wolf	X		Elizabeth Deckard
Kelley Sheiss (<i>alt.</i>)		NA	

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. Wilkinson called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Mr. Bockelman read the roll call; the members present and absent are listed above.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. Wilkinson asked for nominations for President. Mr. Wright nominated Mr. Wilkinson for President. With no other nominations, Mr. Wilkinson asked for a vote. Mr. Wilkinson was elected as President with a 3-0 favorable vote.

Mr. Wilkinson asked for nominations for Vice President. Ms. Lopez nominated Mr. Wolf for Vice President. With no other nominations, Mr. Wilkinson asked for a vote. Mr. Wolf was elected Vice President with a 3-0 favorable vote.

CONSIDERATION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

The minutes for the December 28, 2021, regular meeting were presented for review. Ms. Lopez made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; Mr. Wolf seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 4-0.

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH

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

OLD BUSINESS

21-W-SE-6, Special Exception, Jonathan & Katherine Parker, 4700 N. 50 West

Noted on the agenda, this petition was requested to be continued. Mr. Wilkinson asked for clarification on the request. Mr. Bilger explained that the petitioner had asked for the continuation to work out additional details with the neighboring property owners. Mr. Wright made a motion to continue to the February 22 meeting. Motion was seconded by Ms. Lopez. Motion passed with a 4-0 vote

NEW BUSINESS

22-W-VAR-1, Minimum lot width variance, Harold Fairchild III, Johnson Road

Harold Fairchild, III, owner of the subject property, is requesting a development standards variance for a reduced minimum lot width for a pending subdivision plat on the property located on the east side of Johnson Road, about 0.8 mile north of the intersection of 150 North in Section 27 of Smith Township.

Mr. Bilger presented the staff report. He explained that the original building line on the plat would have met the setback. With the topography of the land in that area, construction on the original site would be problematic. The request for variance would allow for the structure to be built on a more suitable location.

Mr. Bilger displayed aerial views. He described the proposed building site. He pointed out the topography, original building line, and proposed new building line. He discussed the review criteria of this petition.

Mr. Fairchild, 2030 N. Johnson Road, explained the reasons for the request.

Mr. Wilkinson asked for a vote. The petition was passed with a favorable vote of 4-0.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Bilger discussed the new video equipment that had been installed and how it would benefit in the meeting production and recordation.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no other business, Mr. Wilkinson adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

GUEST LIST

1. Harold Fairchild2030 N. Johnson Road
2. Robert Bishir4690 N. 50 West
3. Terrie Bishir4690 N. 50 West
4. Lori Kreider1760 N. Mary Lane
5. Michael Hickman1828 Worthington Dr, Fort Wayne
6. Hannah Hickman1828 Worthington Dr, Fort Wayne

GUEST LIST – ELECTRONIC

7. Sonya Emerick5865 E. State Road 14

