

MUNSTER BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
MINUTES OF REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

Meeting Date: June 12, 2018

Date of Approval: _____

Call to Order: A regular business meeting of the Munster Board of Zoning Appeals was held in the Munster Town Hall, Munster, Indiana on June 12, 2018. The meeting convened at 7:00 pm, Chairman Buksa presiding and Tom Vander Woude, secretary.

Pledge of Allegiance

Members in Attendance:

Daniel Buksa, Chairman
Stuart Friedman
Sharon Mayer
Jonathan Petersen
Dave Nellans, Council Liaison

Members Absent:

Michael Mellon

Staff Present:

David Wickland, Attorney
Tom Vander Woude, Planning
Director

Approval of Minutes:

Motion: Mr. Petersen moved to approve the minutes for the regular business meeting of the Munster Board of Zoning Appeals of May 8, 2018.

Second: Mr. Friedman seconded the motion.

Vote: Yea – 4 Nay – 0 Abstain – 0

Resolved: Motion carries.

Preliminary Hearings

- a. **BZA Docket No. 18-003. Basil Herbeck requesting developmental standards variances from Sec. 26-512(1) and Sec. 26-532(1) of the Munster Zoning Ordinance to permit the construction of a residential addition that extends 5 feet into the required 35 foot front yard setback at 8950 Delaware Parkway.**

Basil Herbeck and Amanda Herbeck, owners of the property at 8950 Delaware Parkway, stated that they would like to enlarge their kitchen and dining room with a home addition that would extend beyond the 35' setback line. They would like to stay in their neighborhood, but their family is outgrowing their house. They designed the addition based on a survey that showed a 30' setback line. When they brought the plans to the Town, they were informed that the setback is 35'. They cannot enlarge the house to the rear without completely rearranging the floor plan and they do not want to reduce the size of their backyard. They stated that their house has the deepest setback on their block.

Ms. Mayer asked whether the addition would cover the existing dormers. Mr. Herbeck stated that the dormers are above the addition and would remain. Mr. Friedman asked whether they anticipated any opposition from the neighbors. Mr. Herbeck said no. Mr. Petersen stated that he was having a difficult time visualizing the addition and asked the contractor to draw up a rendering of the addition.

Mr. Buksa instructed the Herbecks to bring a rendering to the public hearing and be prepared to present the hardship that warrants a variance. Members of the Board reiterated that the petitioners should provide rendering drawn to scale.

Motion: Mr. Petersen moved to schedule a public hearing for Docket No. 18-003 for July 12, 2018.

Second: Mr. Friedman seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Vote: Yea – 4 Nay – 0 Abstain – 0

Resolved: Motion carries.

Public Hearings:

- a. None.

Findings of Fact:

- a. None.

Additional Items for Discussion:

- a. None.

Next Meeting: Chairman Buksa announced that the next regular business meeting will be July 10, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment:

Motion: Mr. Petersen moved to adjourn the meeting.

Second: Mr. Freidman seconded the motion.

Motion carries viva voce.

Meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Executive Secretary Thomas Vander Woude
Board of Zoning Appeals

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Chairman Daniel Buksa
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