

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

FEBRUARY 19, 2008 6:00PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jean Johanningman, Roy Middendorf, Lynne Wells, Jim Biles, Steve Moore.

Matt Bailey, City Attorney, opened the meeting. Matt opened the floor for nominations for President of the Board of Zoning Appeals. Lynne Wells nominated Roy Middendorf. Jean Johanningman seconded. There were no more nominations. Vote taken by role: Jean yes, Lynne yes, Jim yes, Steve yes, Roy abstained. Motion carried. Matt then opened the floor for nominations for Vice President. Roy nominated Jean. Jim seconded. There were no more nominations. Vote taken by role: Jim yes, Steve yes, Jean abstained, Lynne yes, Roy yes. Motion carried.

Roy took charge of the meeting. Lynne made a motion to keep Nancy Schimel as secretary. Jean seconded. Vote taken by role: Jim yes, Steve yes, Jean yes, Lynne yes, Roy yes. Motion carried.

Kathy Reynolds, Plan Director, wanted to express sympathy in the loss of a BZA board member Bob Cochran.

The minutes were distributed before the meeting. Jim made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Steve seconded. All ayes.

Item 1: A petition from Darryl Smith, representing his mother Elizabeth Smith, 518 N. East St, requesting a variance for the minimum lot width. There is a lot (50' x 160') that she owns to the north of her property. The family would like to sell the lot for a building lot. It does not meet the cities standard requirements of 70'. Robert Wickens, representing the Smiths, spoke to the board on the request. Jean made a motion to grant the variance. Steve seconded. Vote taken by role: Jim yes, Steve yes, Jean yes, Lynne yes, Roy yes. Motion carried.

Item 2: Jeff Whitaker is requesting a variance to build on two lots in which are currently in the flood plain. City ordinance does not allow building within the floodplain; however, DNR has made some changes so that you may now apply for a variance from the Board of Zoning appeals to do so. Jeff was not present at the meeting. Richard McClintic, neighboring land owner, had concerns about someone building in a flood plain and thinks the property should be left as is. Calvin Davis, neighboring land owner, also had concerns about someone building in a flood plain and where the water would be redirected. Jean made a motion to table the issue since Jeff Whitaker was not present. Jim seconded. All ayes.

Lynne made a motion to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 6:52PM.

President

Secretary