

Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting

08/18/15 7:00 PM - Called to order by President Roy

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

Voice Roll taken-members Roy Middendorf, Richard Richardson, Kevin Fleetwood, David Leas, Jim Biles all present. Also present was attorney Chad Smith in lieu of Chris Stephen.

1-Tim and Kathy Reece requested a variance to construct a 24' X 24' addition as an accessory to building at 806 West Washington with a side yard setback of only 5 feet on the West side of the property zoned R-2. The minimum permitted side yard for an accessory structure in an R-2 District is 10 feet. It will be centered on the existing building primarily for aesthetics. Stephanie Hoover from the law firm of Wickens & Wickens represented the adjacent landowners who are presently out of state. She requested denial until the property is sufficiently cleaned up as it "looks like a salvage yard." The owners fear loss of property value.

Ron noted special variance approved in October, 2000 allowing the business to operate. Jim moved to accept request of a 5 foot setback and David seconded. It passed 3-2 with Roy and Richard voting no.

2-Mark and Nyree Wessler requested permanent variance to operate a part time preschool out of property located at 814 East Washington Street. Property is zoned R-2. A one year variance was approved on June 17, 2014. Maximum number of students is 14. Adjoining property owner Robert Veerkamp noted additional traffic caused some potholes and asked for help from the Wesslers to maintain the alley.

Ron noted this is a special exemption and not a variance.

David moved to grant a permanent variance and Jim seconded. It was passed 5-0.

3-David and Katilyn Holloway, dba Top Flight Athletics requested a permanent variance to operate a gymnastics studio/indoor fieldhouse out of property located at 1424 North Liberty Circle Drive West. It is zoned I-1 Light Industrial. Roy noted permanent exemption cannot be granted as variance must be special for one year and resubmitted. Current landowner Larry McCammet asked why is variance required as several other business properties exist in the area. Per Chad they can do what they want with the property as is since it is I-1 zoning. Ron questioned if one year variance was necessary as it is not in the Ordinance; he thinks a special exemption is the proper request. Chad will study further and report back to the Commission. David Holloway explained he felt Greensburg needed this facility as those wishing to participate in gymnastics/training facilities had to travel out of town to do so and he wants to expand.

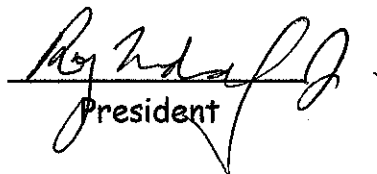
Mayor Herbert noted that some of the businesses in the area are not I-1 but are operating nevertheless.

Greensburg resident Bobbi Ebbing said she feels this facility is needed.

Richard moved and Jim seconded to grant the permanent special exemption. It passed 5-0.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:31 PM.


Secretary


President