

BEECH GROVE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS  
MEETING MINUTES  
July 5, 2023

Secretary James Coffman called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

**Roll Call**

Present: Board of Zoning Appeals' members Mike Garrett, Rick Greenfield, Marsha Dorsey, and Jeff Yeager were present. Secretary James Coffman was also in attendance. BZA Attorney Manny Herceg attended telephonically. Member Julie Weaver was absent.

**Rules of Procedure**

Secretary James Coffman read the Rules of Procedure and swore in those giving testimony.

**New Petitions**

**2023-DVB-003 3110 S. Emerson Avenue-** City of Beech Grove by Crossroads Engineers. Request is for a variance of development standards of the Consolidated Zoning and Subdivision Ordinance to provide for a seven foot tall chain link fence in the front, side and rear yards (maximum six foot tall fence permitted, chain link fencing is only allowed in the side and rear yards in commercial districts). Derek Snyder presented and explained the need for fencing at the new Police Station.

**Remonstrators-** No remonstrators; however, Mayor Dennis Buckley spoke in support of the variance.

**Staff-** Staff recommends approval of the variance petition.

**Petitioner Rebuttal-** None.

Member Mike Garrett made a motion to approve the variance petition as presented, Jeff Yeager seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote of four to zero.

**2023-UVB-001 5261 Elmwood Avenue-** Reagan Outdoor Advertising by Jon Campbell. Variance of use and development standards of the Consolidated Zoning and Subdivision Ordinance to convert an existing 14-foot by 48-foot outdoor advertising sign to a digital sign (digital, video, LED (light emitting diode), LCD (liquid crystal display) or electrically powered sign not permitted), raising said sign to 65 feet in height (maximum 40-foot height permitted), to allow digital messages to display for a minimum of eight seconds (minimum of ten second display permitted), located adjacent to an exit roadway (500 foot separation from entrance/exit ramps required), within 115 feet of another advertising sign as measured linearly along the centerline of I465 (1,500-foot separation required), and within 360 feet of another advertising sign (1,000-foot radial separation required). It was brought to the petitioner's attention that the variance request for a digital sign being less than 600 feet from residential was not included by Staff in the advertisement.

**Staff-** Staff recommends continuing the petition with correct advertisement.

Petitioner asks the Board to continue the petition until the August meeting. Mike Garrett made a motion to continue the petition, Jeff Yeager seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote of four to zero.

**2023-UVB-002 5701 Elmwood Avenue-** Reagan Outdoor Advertising by Jon Campbell. Variance of use and development standards of the Consolidated Zoning and Subdivision Ordinance to convert an existing 14-foot by 48-foot outdoor advertising sign to a digital sign (digital, video, LED (light emitting diode), LCD (liquid crystal display) or electrically powered sign not permitted), raising said sign to 65 feet in height (maximum 40-foot height permitted), to allow digital messages to display for a minimum of eight seconds (minimum of ten second display permitted), within 750 feet of

another advertising sign as measured linearly along the centerline of I-465 (1,500-foot separation required), located 650 feet from another advertising sign (1,000-foot radial separation required), and within 130 feet of a protected district (300-foot separation required). It was brought to the petitioner’s attention that the variance request for a digital sign being less than 600 feet from residential was not included by Staff in the advertisement.

**Staff-** Staff recommends continuing the petition with correct advertisement.

Petitioner asks the Board to continue the petition until the August meeting. Jeff Yeager made a motion to continue the petition, Marsha Dorsey seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote of four to zero.

**Reading of the Minutes**

Minutes from June 7, 2023 were presented. Member Mike Garrett made a motion to approve the minutes as written, Jeff Yeager seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote of four to zero.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:17 pm.

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Julie Weaver, President

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Rick Greenfield, Vice President

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Marsha Dorsey

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Jeff Yeager

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Mike Garrett

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James W. Coffman, Secretary