

BEECH GROVE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
MEETING MINUTES
December 7, 2022

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

Roll Call

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

Rules of Procedure

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

New Petitions

2022-UVB-007 5457 Elmwood Avenue- By Worth Outdoor. The Petition was heard again from the previous year.

Request is for a variance of development standards of the Consolidated Zoning and Subdivision Ordinance to convert an existing 14-foot by 48-foot outdoor sign to a digital advertising sign (digital outdoor advertising signs not permitted).

This request is being heard for a third time, with the original request heard in 2017 and again in 2021. The initial request was approved by the Beech Grove BZA, but subsequently appealed to the Metropolitan Development Commission (MDC), where the Beech Grove BZA decision was reversed, and the variance denied. The second variance request was denied by the BG BZA. Mr. VanTreese spoke regarding the request.

Staff- Staff recommends denial of the variance. This petition is a duplicate request of a variance that was denied by the BZA in 2021. Staff continues to recommend denial.

Remonstrators- None.

Mayor Buckley spoke in favor of the variance.

Petitioner Rebuttal- Mr. VanTreese thanked the Mayor for his support and looks forward to working together.

Discussion took place on conditions and options available to the Board. The petitioner submitted a commitment letter.

Member Jeff Yeager added the following condition-

The condition for City and School to be guaranteed advertising usage during business hours at least each month to be agreed upon by all parties.

Member Jeff Yeager made a motion to approve the variance with said condition, Marsha Dorsey seconded the motion which was approved by unanimous voice vote from Members Dorsey, Garrett, and Yeager. Petitioner agrees to said condition. Members Greenfield and Weaver did not vote as they did not hear the original presentation in 2021.

Reading of the Minutes

Minutes from November 2, 2022 were presented. Mike Garrett made a motion to approve the minutes as written, Jeff

Yeager seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote of five to zero.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:24 pm.

Julie Weaver, President

Jeff Yeager

Rick Greenfield, Vice President

Mike Garrett

Marsha Dorsey

James W. Coffman, Secretary