

ATHENS TOWNSHIP ZONING HEARING BOARD

November 24, 2020

Zoning Hearing Board members in attendance were: Solicitor, Andrew Hutz, Esq., Chairman Bill Bresser, Rick Felt, Cheryl Wood-Walter, Ed Reid, Zoning Officer, and Secretary, Cindy Parrish. Stenographer was Beth Brucie of Verbatim Reporting. Sign-in sheet was available for all others in attendance and is hereby attached.

Chairman Bill Bresser called the meeting to order at 6:31PM.

Sayre Developers, LLC
Parcel #09-020.19-006-000-000
Application for Variances

Taunya Knolles Rosenbloom, Esq. and Jim Malin of Urban Neon were present on behalf of the applicant to request a variance of Section 704B2 to allow for 341.3 square feet of parallel wall signage.

The subject property is owned by Sayre Developers, LLC and is located at 1661 Elmira Street, Sayre, PA (Tax parcel #09-020.19-006-000-000) and is located in the Commercial District.

Testimony was given about the details of the sign package, company requirements, and the distance from the road.

Executive session was called at 6:45PM, and the hearing resumed at 6:50PM. Motion to approve the variance contingent upon the lights being turned off after business hours was made by Cheryl and seconded by Rick. The motion passed unanimously. Motion to adjourn was made by Rick and seconded by Cheryl. Hearing was adjourned at 6:51PM

Williams Auto Group
Parcels #09-020.19-001-001-000
Application for Variances

Chairman Bresser called the hearing to order at 6:52PM

Willy Rowe, Project Manager was present to request a variance of Section 704D3 to allow the total area of franchise signage to be 167.5 square feet and 704H6 to allow a free-standing outdoor business franchise sign to be 27 feet in height. Dalton Williams joined via speakerphone to present testimony.

The subject property is owned by Dandy Corporate Center, LLC and is located at 1730 Elmira St., Sayre, PA (Tax Parcel 09-020.19-001-001) in a Commercial zone. A request for a Variance to the "Ordinance", Section 800 to allow three (3) access drives for the proposed non-residential lot; one 30 ft. wide driveway on Clinton Street, and two (2) driveways on Elmira Street.

Executive session began at 7:06 and concluded at 7:10PM.

Motion by Cheryl Wood-Walter, second by Rick Felt to approve the request for a variance to Section 704D3 passed unanimously.

Motion to approve the request for a variance from Section 704H6 by Cheryl, seconded by Rick passed unanimously.

Motion to adjourn the hearing at 7:16PM by Rick, seconded by Cheryl passed unanimously.

The regular meeting continued.

Motion to accept the minutes from 10/27/20 and 11/12/20 by Rick, seconded by Cheryl. It was unanimous to accept the minutes.

Andy mentioned the possibility of recording future hearings rather than using a stenographer all the times. He said they could simply hire a stenographer to transcribe the recordings as needed for appeals. It was noted that that is something they would like to look into further.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:33PM as there was no further business to discuss.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia R. Parrish, Secretary