

ATHENS TOWNSHIP ZONING HEARING BOARD

June 22, 2021

Zoning Hearing Board members in attendance were: Solicitor, Taunya Rosenbloom, Esq., Chairman Bill Bresser, Rick Felt, and Cheryl Wood-Walter, Ed Reid, Zoning Officer, and Secretary, Cindy Parrish. Stenographer was Christin Reynolds of CSR Court Reporting. Sign-in sheet was available for all others in attendance and is hereby attached.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Bill Bresser called the meeting to order at 6:33PM. Motion by Wood-Walter to approve the minutes from April 27, 2021, second by Felt, and motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence

Board members reviewed the correspondence file

JLM Real Estate Investments, LLC

Parcel #09-020.24-120-000-000

Application for Variance

The subject property is owned by Richard and Allison Prezelski and is located at 2267 Elmira Street, Sayre, PA (Tax Parcel No. 09-020.24-120). A request for a Variance to the "Ordinance", Section 704B2 to exceed the maximum allowable wall signage.

Chris Karelus, project manager for JHA Companies was in attendance to request a variance from the wall sign requirements as they want to place 3 wall signs totaling 240 sq. ft., as opposed to the maximum allowable 50sq. ft., on their proposed development on Elmira Street. Karelus presented their sign package in relation the other signs in the community. He noted their freestanding sign will be two-faced and will meet the ordinance. He said that 50 sq. ft. would not allow them to be known and that Mavis Tire requires the signage size that they are requesting.

The board posed questions about the illumination of the signs. Ed Reid was sworn in and read a statement from the Zoning Office.

Bresser called executive session at 6:41PM. The hearing resumed at 6:48PM.

Motion to approve the variance with the stipulation of a timer being set to turn the illumination off at 11:00PM was made by Felt, seconded by Wood-Walter. Motion carried unanimously. Atty. Rosenbloom requested and extension on the written decision and Karelus agreed.

Motion to adjourn the hearing at 6:50PM as there was no further business to discuss was made by Wood-Walter and seconded by Felt. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia R. Parrish, Secretary