

Board of Zoning Appeals

July 27, 2015

7:00pm

Present

BZA: Bob Moledor, Mark Wise, Chuck Guthier, Betty Siegfert, Jason Bonecutter, Kevin Steiner

Zoning Commission: Gary Harrison

Trustees: Susan White, Roger Klodt

ZI: Erin Myrla

Residents: Gary Magno, Charlie Brieding, Tim Wise, Howard Kline, Dave Chalmers, John Francis, Glen Englehart, Walt Eversole, Richard Lang

Steiner: Opened meeting at 7:00pm. Pledge of Allegiance. Swore in audience members wishing to speak tonight. There are two matters of discussion this evening. Asked ZI to read first application.

E. Myrla: Application #72715 submitted by the Portage County Agricultural Society. Parcel # 28-075-00-00-001-000. Variance to Sec. 545.02

K. Steiner: Asked applicant to explain what is being requested.

C. Brieding: Gave the Board additional pictures of where the sign would be located. The sign will be whatever sign you tell us. Tim W. and I thought it might be a directional sign. It will be facing north only. It will be white with red letters. There is plenty of room from the center of the road.

K. Steiner: The variance is to use the property to park vehicles. Similar to what we had last year. Did you have a sign last year?

C. Brieding: Yes, we would like to make it permanent this year. We are working with the state to erect an approved break away sign.

K. Steiner: Will this sign be put up this year?

C. Brieding: Yes.

K. Steiner: The sign that you want to be permanent; will there be lighting on it?

C. Brieding: No. We have plenty of temporary lighting.

K. Steiner: Asked for questions from other board members.

J. Bonecutter: The sign is permanent?

C. Brieding: Yes. We wanted people that travel up the road to see it all year long and know when it's fair time, where to park.

B. Moledor: The parking will be for fair only?

C. Brieding: Will also be used for campers during fair and for winter storage.

M. Wise: It will only be used as an entrance for winter storage?

G. Magno: As someone who uses winter storage, it will be a big help.

K. Steiner: Asked about size of sign.

C. Brieding: It will be what you tell us. I wouldn't want to go above 8'.

B. Siegferth: According to book, R-1 is different maximum height than what you're talking about.

Board discussion.

K. Steiner: Could it be an identification or directory sign? Personally feels that it will fit.

M. Wise: My concern is it's a public safety issue. Needs to be big enough so that people can see it.

K. Steiner: How would the rest of the board feel about the #2 classification (identification and directory sign)?

B. Moldeor: Would be alright.

K. Steiner: Asked for any other questions from Board. Asked if the use will be the same as last year in terms of parking.

C. Brieding: Yes, it worked really well last year. It drains faster than the other field.

B. Siegferth: Coming south, you're going to have a break away sign. Wouldn't it also be good to have a permanent sign?

C. Brieding: Discussed placement of requested permanent sign and temporary break away sign.

B. Sieferth: There is nothing coming north from the south?

C. Brieding: No, they need to turn down fairground rd to park.

K. Steiner: Asked for more questions. What did you have for lighting last year?

C. Brieding: We rented lights from Leppo. The sheriff directs traffic. Any time we bring traffic in there, the police are there. We did put up gates so we can close it off.

K. Steiner: Last year, we did it on a short term basis. Weren't you going to ask for that to be rezoned?

T. Wise: We did.

K. Steiner: Asked E. Myrla where the rezoning of the property stands.

E. Myrla: Explained that ZC has voted to send the change to PCRPC for recommendation. Explained the process once PCRPC returns recommendation. Can't guarantee, but should be done before next fair.

B. Sieferth: Are you extending your campgrounds?

C. Brieding: Not yet.

M. Wise: Motion to go into private deliberation.

B. Moledor: Seconded

Moledor: yes Sieferth: yes Bonecutter: yes Wise: yes Steiner: yes

Board entered into private deliberation at 7:22pm. Returned at 7:46.

K. Steiner: Discussed the sign. We feel it falls under #2. That would make it allowable.

B. Sieferth: Under #2 900.07, there is nothing under maximum height. Please don't go higher than 8'.

C. Brieding: We won't.

M. Wise: Motion to approve application #72715 with the following conditions: Parking allowed from August 21st to September 2nd, expires on September 2nd. Variance is valid for one year.

B. Moledor: Seconded.

Moledor: Yes Sieferth: Yes Bonecutter: Yes Wise: Yes Steiner: Yes

K. Steiner: Asked ZI to read the next application.

E. Myrla: Application #72715B submitted by the Randolph Township Trustees. Property located at 4013 Waterloo Rd. Conditional Use request for Sec. 900.09 C.

K. Steiner: Swore audience members in wishing to speak on this matter. The application is to replace the regular sign that is currently there with an LED sign. Is the size going to be the same?

G. Magno: The LED size is slightly smaller. It will fit exactly in there and we won't have to adjust the mantel piece. Dimensionally, it's fractionally smaller. As far as electric and lighting, we are planning to use township electrician to reroute the flood lighting. It's controlled from computer. You can put as many messages up as you want. It's all software generated. I've recommended to the township that maybe one or two have control of the software instead of many.

K. Steiner: Who would have control of the sign?

S. White: Myself and probably, Bruce Wagner or Larry Klodt or one of the road crew people.

K. Steiner: Any questions from board.

M. Wise: Any idea of how fast the messages change?

S. White: You can control it.

G. Magno: It has many pictures or videos. You can use your signage as you want. Zoning does have rules as to how often it can scroll. It would be up to the township to control that.

S. White: Described what can be put up. For example, township meetings, holiday greetings.

G. Magno: Time and temperature. Lion's Club wanted to help the community by being able to put more messages up there.

B. Siegferth: It is recommended that no more than 5 messages per minute. Will it be on all the time?

S. White: Yes. That way people that work different shifts will be able to see it. The burn on the pixels is less at night than during the day.

K. Steiner: Does it have auto dimming?

S. White: Yes. It's very nice.

G. Magno: The manufacturer does the LED sign for major stadiums.

B. Siegfert: Make sure that the sign will be the only thing on the electric line, because of the warranty. Make sure there is a licensed electrician.

S. White: I agree. I would like to thank the Lion's Club for their hard work and not just for this, but for everything they do.

K. Steiner: Asked for additional questions from board.

H. Kline: Just being used for township notices right? Not for businesses, right?

G. Magno: The state of Ohio has a law that if you advertise for anything off premise, you must pay a monthly fee.

B. Siegfert: It will be for non-profit only.

R. Klodt: There will be no businesses on there.

G. Harrison: Thinks the Lion's Club does a great job, appreciates everything they do.

M. Wise: Motion to approved application #72715B.

B. Siegfert: Seconded

Moledor: Abstain Siegfert: Yes Bonecutter: Yes Wise: Yes Steiner: Yes

K. Steiner: Asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

J. Bonecutter: Motion to adjourn.

M. Wise: Seconded

Moledor: Yes Siegfert: Yes Bonecutter: Yes Wise: Yes Steiner: Yes

Meeting adjourned at 8:03pm.