

ROLL CALL

Rose Ann Barrick
Harry Baumgartner, Jr.
Tyson Brooks
Jerry Petzel
Jim Schwarzkopf

Michael Lautzenheiser, Jr., Secretary

The Board of Zoning Appeals meeting, February 27, 2018, was called to order by President, Jerry Petzel at 7:00 p.m. Roll call was answered by all five members.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Rose Ann Barrick offered a motion to approve the minutes from the January 23, 2018, meeting and Jim Schwarzkopf seconded the motion, minutes were approved 5-0.

OLD ITEMS:

B18-01-01 LANCASTER TWP., SE/4 33-27N-12E Forgotten Children Worldwide, Inc. requests a special exception to allow a storage container to be used as an accessory structure. The property is located at 650 N Main St., Bluffton, IN 46714. Property is zoned B-3.

Jeff Paterson from Forgotten Children presented the petition asking for permission to place a shipping container on the property to be used as additional storage. He said that it would be located at the back of the property and would be painted if needed. There was no comment from the public.

Condition: The shipping container needs to be aesthetically pleasing prior to issuing permit.

Motion to Approve with Condition: Tyson Brooks

Second: Harry Baumgartner, Jr.

Vote: 5-0

NEW ITEM:

B18-02-03 JEFFERSON TWP., NW/4 22-28N-12E Timothy & Allena Wilson request a variance to reduce the 10' rear yard setback and 20' utility easement to 6.5' for an above ground pool. The property is located at 216 Ridge Court, Ossian, IN 46777. Property is zoned R-2.

Tim & Allena Wilson presented their petition. They talked about how this was in response to a violation letter they received. They said that they had gotten a permit and thought they were in compliance with the ordinance and talked about property lines vs observed property lines. Rose Ann Barrick confirmed the 20' utility easement and talked about how the farmer doesn't farm to the property line and asked about granting use of an easement. The board discuss that any pool damage would be the property owners responsibility. They also talked about other neighbors having violations and asked what all was located in the easement. They suggested to the property owners that they might want to look into purchasing more land to help with moving the easement.

Motion to continue to March 27, 2018 meeting: Rose Ann Barrick

Second: Jim Schwarzkopf

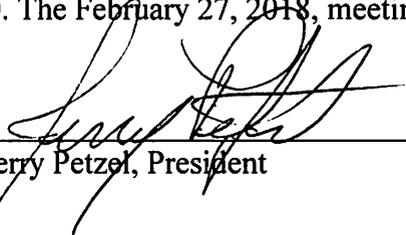
Vote: 5-0

OTHER BUSINESS:

ADVISORY:

DIRECTOR COMMENTS:

Jim Schwarzkopf made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Harry Baumgartner, Jr. seconded the motion and the motion passed with a vote of 5-0. The February 27, 2018, meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals adjourned at 7:56 pm.



Jerry Petzel, President

ATTEST:



Michael Lautzenheiser, Jr.