

George Gordon called the meeting on 5-29-2019 to order at 7pm.

Board members present-Mr. Beachler, Mr. Gordon, Mrs. St. John Ash, Mr. Holko

Absent – Mr. Cook

George Gordon called alternate John Hickey to the board to fill in for Mr. Cook.

Observing-Rex King Jr, Sis King, Mark Webb, Charles Mcmonagle, Doug Seemman, Ray French, Cheryl French, Christian Ash, Elaine Mastromatteo, Ken Weeks, Darlene Fiest, Christopher Dray

Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Gordon opened the meeting with a discussion about granting a conditional permit for the 2 School signs. He asked for any residents within 500 feet to give comment. Mr. Seeman and Mrs. Fiest had no objections to the signs.

Mrs. Mastrometteo brought a point from the Ohio zoning book that she felt indicated that the zoning board of appeals had no grounds to approve these conditional permits for these signs as she felt the signs would be in immediate violation of the zoning regulation. The board reviewed the material she presented.

Mr. Webb commented that these signs had the ability to meet the code and that the zoning board of appeals was not responsible for enforcement, their only responsibility was to decide whether signs could be placed in the planned locations. Mr. Webb stated that it would be the Township Trustee's responsibility to enforce adherence to the zoning policy

Mr. Gordon continued the discussion and that he believed the signs were appropriate in the commercial district. After a lengthy discussion including reviewing the Cortland Bank sign, the zoning board of appeals proceeded with reviewing the requests.

Mr. Beachler made a motion to approve the school conditional requests for two signs, 2nd Mr. Gordon.

Mrs. St. John Ash-yes

Mr. Hickey-yes

Mr. Holko-yes

Mr. Beachler-yes

Mr. Gordon-yes

Mr. Gordon introduced the Bristol Public Library request for a condition permit for a future sign. Mr. Gordon made a motion to approve the request, Mr. Beachler 2nd the motion.

Mrs. St. John Ash-yes

Mr. Hickey-yes

Mr. Holko-yes

Mr. Beachler-yes

Mr. Gordon-yes

Mr. Gordon introduced the request for the conditional permit for the sign for the Bristolville United Methodist Church. After a discussion of the sign location it was felt this sign was inconspicuous. Mr. Gordon made motion to approve the request, Mr. Beachler, 2nd.

Mrs. St. John Ash-yes  
Mr. Hickey-yes  
Mr. Holko-yes  
Mr. Beachler-yes  
Mr. Gordon-yes

Mr. Gordon introduced the Bristol Fire Department sign request for conditional permit. Mr. Gordon made motion to approve the conditional permit, 2nd Mr. Beachler

Mrs. Ash-yes  
Mr. Hickey-yes  
Mr. Holko-yes  
Mr. Beachler-yes  
Mr. Gordon-yes

Mr. Gordon introduced the request for conditional permit for the Bristol Township Sign in the park. Mr. Gordon made motion to approve the request, 2nd Mr. Beachler

Mrs. Ash-yes  
Mr. Hickey-yes  
Mr. Holko-yes  
Mr. Beachler-yes  
Mr. Gordon-yes

Mr. Gordon commented on the importance of being business friendly and that the signs were an important way to do that and he felt they were appropriate.

Mr. McMonagle commented that he felt the purpose of the hearing to establish the process of requesting a conditional permit for a sign and that by having these signs follow the process we would have grounds to require this in the future.

Mr. Weeks commented that the sign issue had become a contentious discussion topic at the zoning board meetings and work sessions and that they need to get direction and work through the zoning regulations to clarify this section of the book and that the regulation was developed prior to the current sign technology

Mr. French commented that the signs are a valuable and useful tool for the community to communicate important information especially in times of emergency.

Christian Ash invited all to come to the next zoning board meeting on June 12th to help provide feedback to any potential solution in the future.

Mr. Gordon invited any further comment from the attendees, which there was no further comment.

Mr. Gordon made a motion to appoint Mr. Holko as secretary, 2nd Mr. Bleacher

Mrs. St. John Ash-yes

Mr. Hickey-yes

Mr. Holko-yes

Mr. Beachler-yes

Mr. Gordon-yes

Mr. Gordon made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40pm, 2nd Mr. Bleacher

Mrs. St. John Ash-yes

Mr. Hickey-yes

Mr. Holko-yes

Mr. Beachler-yes

Mr. Gordon-yes