

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

June 28, 2010

The Franklin County Board of Adjustment held its regular scheduled monthly meeting on Monday, June 28, 2010 in the Franklin County Administration Building, Commissioners Meeting Room, 113 Market Street, Louisburg, North Carolina.

Present: Shane Brantley, Robert Carlson, Chuck Griffin, Scott Lerew, Cynthia Hayes and Carol Holder.

Absent: Stuart May

Staff: Tammy Davis and Jason Rogers

Chairman Shane Brantley called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.; and welcomed everyone in attendance. Scott Lerew made a motion, seconded by Chuck Griffin to approve the agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously. Scott Lerew made a motion, seconded by Chuck Griffin to approve the minutes from the January 25, 2010 and February 22, 2010 meeting as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Items:

#1. Request for a Variance from the Unified Development Ordinance, Article 17 (Signs) by Palziv Associates, 7966 NC Hwy 56 West, 49 Acres, Louisburg Township, LI (Light Industrial) District.

Jason Rogers stated the applicant is petitioning for a variance from the size requirement for permanent signage. He stated the proposed sign would be required to be located outside of NCDOT right-of-way and outside of the sight triangle. He stated the applicant has indicated that the larger sign would provide up to ½ mile of greater visibility for truckers that are driving from either direction for shipping and receiving making it safer for others traveling along NC Hwy 56.

Frances Jenkins (Palziv), David Wilkerson (Paziv) and Tony Edwards (Custom Signs) were sworn in to answer questions from the Board. Ms. Jenkins stated the company logo would appear better on a larger sign. Mr. Wilkerson stated 9-10 inch letters can be seen 250 feet away. He stated they wanted to have the address seen after sign and shrubbery is put in place. He stated the sign would be placed at the same location of the old Hon sign. Mr. Edwards stated the business is located at the transition site of 45 mile per hour to 55 miles per hour. He stated there isn't a turn lane so they wanted the signage large enough for delivery trucks to be able to locate the company.

Scott Lerew questioned if the sign had been constructed yet. Mr. Edwards stated not yet. Lerew questioned if a larger sign may be needed than what is being requested. Mr. Wilkerson stated the proposed sign is within their budget and if the sign has to be larger, they would have to go back to look at the budget to see if it's allowed or possible. Chuck Griffin questioned if the business is currently open. Mr. Wilkerson stated the site is currently under renovation and they plan on opening in November for production. Lerew question if they felt it would be an infringement on the business if the variance was not issued for larger signage. Mr. Wilkerson answered yes. Robert Carlson questioned the hardship. Mr. Wilkerson stated the signage wouldn't allow for the company logo to be visual.

Chairman Brantley closed the public hearing and the Board of Adjustment proceeded to go through the Variance worksheet.

Chuck Griffin made a motion, seconded by Carol Holder that the Finding of Fact has been satisfied. The motion passed unanimously. Chuck Griffin made a motion, seconded by Carol Holder to approve the Variance requested by Palziv Association to allow signage to exceed maximum height and size requirements. The motion passed unanimously.

- #2. Other Business/Reports/Discussion
 - A). Departmental Reports
 - B). Other Business/Reports/Discussion

With there being no further business before the Board, Chairman Brantley adjourned the meeting at 7:30 P.M.

Shane Brantley – Chairman
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Tammy Davis – Clerk
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