

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
October 28, 2015

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREENE COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS WAS HELD ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2015 AT 7:30 P.M.

Those present were: Richard Herring, Chairman
 Bob Runkle, Vice-Chairman
 Frank Morris, Member
 Davis Lamb, Ex-Officio Member
 Bart Svoboda, Zoning Administrator
 Marsha Alley, Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

The Chairman called the meeting to order.

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

The Chairman took a roll call vote and declared a quorum.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were no public hearings scheduled.

Mr. Svoboda stated that there are none scheduled for November and that there are none anticipated for December so this would likely be the last meeting of the year.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Svoboda stated that there are no available training opportunities at this time but that there are likely to be updates after the first of the year.

Mr. Morris stated that he is interested in some legal classes.

Mr. Svoboda stated that any updates would be provided in the January packet since there will be a January organizational meeting.

MINUTES

The Chairman asked if the minutes had been reviewed and if there were any changes to be noted. There being no comment from the members.

Mr. Runkle made a motion to approve the minutes of January 28, 2015 as presented.

Mr. Morris seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken and the minutes January 28, 2015 were approved by a unanimous vote.

OTHER MATTERS

Mr. Svoboda informed the Board that a new member, Wes Wills, has been recommended for appointment to the BZA as of January 2016. He noted that Ms. Frye had notified the Board of Supervisors that she could no longer serve due to family obligations. He announced that Mr. Herring has also been recommended for reappointment and thanked him for his continued willingness to serve.

Mr. Morris asked what types of appeals come before the Board of Zoning Appeals while giving examples of some recent cases that have been heard by the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Svoboda explained that the Board of Zoning Appeals would hear appeals relating to appeals of zoning violation notices, variances, and cases of that nature.

Mr. Morris asked about decisions made by the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Svoboda explained that appeals to decisions made by the Board of Supervisors are appealed through the Circuit Court.

Mr. Morris stated that he would like to clarify that he does stand behind the vote he made at the January meeting contrary to rumors that may be heard.

Mr. Svoboda stated that the minutes stand as the accurate record.

Mr. Herring asked if the Durrers chose to appeal the gun range decision, would it be appealed to the Circuit Court.

Mr. Svoboda stated that it would go to the Circuit Court because it is a special use permit request decided upon by the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Svoboda reminded the Board that if there is a meeting in December that it would be held on Thursday, December 17, 2015.

Mr. Herring asked if Mr. Wilson will continue to serve as the Alternate Member.

Mr. Svoboda stated that he would continue to serve as the Alternate Member.

Mr. Runkle asked about the email information that was provided.

Mr. Svoboda explained that the email system has been updated and each Board Member needs to follow the directions provided to update their accounts. He explained that correspondence will be sent electronically and that county email accounts must be

used.

Mr. Svoboda reviewed pending legislation relating to communications between BZA members, applicants, and staff. He noted that he would share updates as they are received.

Mr. Morris asked who the Board would be able to communicate with in necessary instances.

Mr. Svoboda stated that he did not know, adding that it would depend on the legislation. He restated that he would keep the Board informed.

Mr. Svoboda stated that there is a possibility of training being held in Charlottesville.

Mr. Morris stated that he had attended a class at the Omni and really enjoyed it.

Mr. Svoboda stated that he will keep everyone informed and any information will be included in the January packet.

Mr. Morris stated that he would prefer to pick up his packets instead of having it mailed. He suggested emailing him to let him know when it is ready.

Mr. Svoboda agreed that it would be fine.

Mrs. Alley stated that he would be notified by the county email account.

Mr. Lamb asked if the training classes were open to the Board of Supervisors as well.

Mr. Svoboda explained that they are open to many Boards and Commissions.

Mr. Lamb stated that he would be interested in attending.

Mr. Svoboda stated that he would include Mr. Lamb in any updates.

Mr. Morris stated that he would be willing to pay for his own classes if the county can only pay for a certain number of classes, adding that he found them to be a good educational tool.

Mr. Svoboda stated that the Board of Supervisors has been generous in the past to address educational needs.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Runkle made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Mr. Morris seconded the motion.

A consensus vote was taken and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Marsha Alley

Marsha Alley, Secretary

Rickard Henry 1/27/2016
BZA Chairman Date