

CITY OF HARPER WOODS
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
MARCH 11, 2020

MEETING MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals was called to order at 6:45 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Board member(s) Serafin Buscemi, David Kien, Mary Paglia and Richard Pesegna.

ABSENT: Board member(s) Deborah Flatt and Al Susick.

OTHERS PRESENT: City Clerk Leslie M. Frank and Planning Consultant Doug Plachcinski.

BZA 03-01-20

EXCUSE BOARD MEMBERS

MOTION by Pesegna, SUPPORTED by Paglia:

To excuse board members Deborah Flatt and Al Susick from tonight's meeting due to a prior commitment.

ABSENT: Flatt and Susick

MOTION CARRIED

BZA 03-02-20

MINUTES

MOTION by Paglia, SUPPORTED by Pesegna:

To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular Board of Zoning Appeals meeting held November 17, 2016.

ABSENT: Flatt and Susick.

MOTION CARRIED

BZA 03-03-20 ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR FOR 2020

MOTION by Kien, SUPPORTED by Paglia:
To appoint Serafin Buscemi as Chairperson and Richard Pesegna as Vice-Chairperson for 2020.

ABSENT: Flatt and Susick

MOTION CARRIED

BZA 03-04-20 PUBLIC HEARING - VARIANCE REQUEST OF ZONING
ORDINANCE SECTION 10-482 - 19770 HARPER AVENUE

MOTION by Paglia, SUPPORTED by Pesegna:
To open the Public Hearing on the request for a variance of zoning ordinance Section 10-482, one access per parcel, to allow an entrance/exit driveway onto Manchester Blvd when the credit union has existing driveways entering from and exiting onto Harper Avenue.

ABSENT: Flatt and Susick

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC HEARING

Planning Consultant Doug Plachcinski gave an overview of the petitioner's request to have a second access to their recently constructed parking lot. He outlined the criteria needed for the Board of Zoning members to approve this variance.

Mr. Harris commented that his property which is adjacent to this parking lot, is zoned commercial and he asked what are the advantages and/or disadvantages of this not being zoned residential as most homes in the area are.

BZA 03-05-20 PUBLIC HEARING - VARIANCE REQUEST OF ZONING
ORDINANCE SECTION 10-482 - 19770 HARPER AVENUE

MOTION by Kien, SUPPORTED by Paglia:
To close the Public Hearing on the request for a zoning ordinance variance.

ABSENT: Flatt and Susick

MOTION CARRIED

BZA 03-06-20 VARIANCE REQUEST OF ZONING ORDINANCE
SECTION 10-482 - 19770 HARPER AVENUE

MOTION by Paglia, SUPPORTED by Kien:

To approve the requested variance, based on the variance standards review requirements and the pertinent sections of the zoning ordinance, of zoning ordinance Section 10-482, One Access Per Parcel, to allow an entrance/exit driveway onto Manchester Boulevard when the Credit Union has existing driveways entering from and exiting onto Harper Avenue, with the following conditions: 1) The City eliminates the 30-minute parking on the north side of Manchester Boulevard adjacent to the proposed development to remove potential visual obstructions for vehicles leaving the credit union through the Manchester Driveway; and 2) The new driveway is exit only and right turn only onto Manchester Boulevard to discourage additional vehicle traffic on residential streets and remove potential left turn movement conflicts.

ABSENT: Flatt and Susick

MOTION CARRIED

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

None.

DISCUSSION BY BOARD MEMBERS

None.

BZA 03-07-20 ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Paglia, SUPPORTED by Pesezna:

That the agenda of the regular Board of Zoning Appeals meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

ABSENT: Flatt and Susick

MOTION CARRIED

SERAFIN BUSCEMI, CHAIRPERSON

LESLIE M. FRANK, CITY CLERK

CITY OF HARPER WOODS
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
JUNE 10, 2020

MEETING MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals was called to order by Vice Chairman Pesegna at 6:40 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Vice Chairman Richard Pesegna, Board member(s) Tim Folmar, David Kien and Nolan Turner.

ABSENT: Board member(s) Serafin Buscemi and Tyrone Hinton

OTHERS PRESENT: City Clerk Leslie M. Frank and Planning Consultant Doug Plachcinski

BZA 06-08-20

EXCUSE BOARD MEMBERS BUSCEMI AND HINTON

MOTION by Kien, SUPPORTED by Pesegna:

To excuse board members Serafin Buscemi and Tyrone Hinton from tonight's meeting due to a prior commitment.

ABSENT: Buscemi and Hinton

MOTION CARRIED

BZA 06-09-20

MINUTES

MOTION by Kien, SUPPORTED by Pesegna:

To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular Board of Zoning Appeals meeting held March 11, 2020.

ABSENT: Buscemi and Hinton

MOTION CARRIED

BZA 06-10-20

VARIANCE OF SIGN ORDINANCE SEC. 21-12
OPEN PUBLIC HEARING - 17860 E. EIGHT MILE ROAD

MOTION by Kien, SUPPORTED by Folmar:

To open the Public Hearing on the request for a variance of Sign Ordinance Section 21-12 to erect a 188.5 square foot sign at 17860 E. Eight Mile Road.

ABSENT: Buscemi and Hinton

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC HEARING

Doug Plachcinski gave an overview of the request and explained the process of the public hearing and the criteria that is to be adhered to as the commissioners consider this matter. He then stated that he has learned that this sign request is in addition to the two signs already in place, and that this particular sign without the additional Nike and Jimmy Jazz logos, would meet all the requirements for a mural. He then answered any questions.

BZA 06-11-20

VARIANCE OF SIGN ORDINANCE SEC. 21-12
CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING - 17860 E. EIGHT MILE ROAD

MOTION by Kien, SUPPORTED by Pesegna:

To close the Public Hearing on the request for a variance of Sign Ordinance Section 21-12 to erect a 188.5 square foot sign at 17860 E. Eight Mile Road.

ABSENT: Buscemi and Hinton

MOTION CARRIED

BZA 06-12-20

VARIANCE OF SIGN ORDINANCE SECTION 21-12
17860 E. EIGHT MILE ROAD

MOTION by Pesegna, SUPPORTED by Turner:

To approve the variance of Sign Ordinance Section 21-12 to erect a 188.5 square foot sign at 17860 E. Eight Mile Road.

ABSENT: Buscemi and Hinton

MOTION CARRIED

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

None.

DISCUSSION BY BOARD MEMBERS

None.

BZA 06-13-20

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Pesegna, SUPPORTED by Kien:
That the agenda of the regular Board of Zoning Appeals meeting having been acted upon,
the meeting is hereby adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

ABSENT: Buscemi and Hinton

MOTION CARRIED

SERAFIN BUSCEMI, CHAIRPERSON

LESLIE M. FRANK, CITY CLERK