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Meeting Minutes for September 17, 2018

Members Present: Greg Matt, John Wilson, George Byer, Mike Skinner

Staff Present: Kenny Pfof, Martin Bedrock

The September 17, 2018 Board of Zoning Appeals meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by President Greg Matt. The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted, and Roll Call was performed.

Member Wilson made a motion to approve the August 20, 2018 minutes. Member Byer seconded the motion. Carried 4-0.

Old Business: Pfof advised the Board that he had reviewed the minutes from the April and July 2016 Board of Zoning Appeals meetings regarding what Smith Farm Store had been allowed under the variance granted in 2016. Pfof advised that he had visited Smith Farm Store today, September 17, 2018, and given the store 30 days to get into compliance with the variance. The dumpster is supposed to be enclosed by a fence and out of view, the outdoor area behind the building is supposed to be fenced in, and the pile of tires is not allowed.

The store states that the problem with fencing in the dumpster is that the garbage company will not get out of the truck to open the fence, the dumpster needs to be accessible to the driver without the driver getting out of the truck. President Matt noted that there are businesses in town (Pizza Hut) with enclosed dumpsters, and they have no such trouble. Member Wilson advised that this is not a problem that Smiths is citing, that if their current garbage company will not exit the vehicle to open a fence that they will need to find a new garbage pickup company. Member Wilson noted that it was the previous mayor who had the ordinance requiring enclosed dumpsters passed.

Member Wilson reviewed the fencing requirement re: Smith Farm Store, and stated that the wooden lattices that Smith Farm Store had weaved through their chain link fence do not fulfill the requirements of the variance. Pfof noted that the store had told him the wind knocked over the fence due to the presence of the lattice work.

Pfof advised that he had been told by Smith Farm Store that the store was waiting for the clothing donation boxes to be picked up by the company that originally placed them. The boxes have been moved behind the store, but people keep leaving donations in the parking lot. President Matt advised that Smith brought this on itself by placing the boxes without consulting the city.

Matt also noted that the donation boxes in front of Knox Mall had become a dumping ground for unwanted electronics. Pfof advised he had given the Mall a 30 day notice to get the landscaping under control.

Haven House (3 N Pearl St) update – the signs have now been painted over, unsure if still “in business” or not.

New Business: Pfof advised the Board that a request for a variance had been filed by Dan and Laura Darda in regards to building a pole barn that exceeds ordinance limits. This variance request will be on the meeting agenda for the October 15, 2018 meeting.

Member Wilson made a motion to adjourn, Member Skinner seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.

Next meeting is Monday, October 15, 2018 at 7pm in the Knox City Hall.

Mike Skinner

Secretary, City of Knox Board of Zoning Appeals