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PLACE: Knox City Hall

TIME: 7:00pm

Meeting Minutes for July 15, 2019

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

Staff Present: Kenny Pfost, Martin Bedrock

Members of Public Present: Dale Hamand, Chuck Estok

The July 15, 2019 Board of Zoning Appeals meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Greg Matt. The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted, and Roll Call was performed.

President Matt asked for approval of the minutes from the May 20, 2019 Board of Zoning Appeals meeting. Member Wilson made the motion, second by Member Byer. Passed 4-0.

New Business: President Matt opened the public hearing at 7:05pm for a variance request from Dale Hamand, 0492 S 500 E in Knox. The variance request is for a carport with less than the minimum setbacks in an area zoned residential.

Hamand states that the carport is for his RV and Boat/Trailer, that he has had both parked next to his garage for years but he would like to get them protection but does not have enough property. Pfost noted that the carport was actually constructed last year, that the issue arose when a lean-to was added

as well. The request for the variance and building permits is being made after the fact so that the carport and lean-to are legal.

Member Wilson noted that the public does not really know that permits are required for carports, that he had made a request to have a notice published on the water bills that states that carports are required to have permits.

Pfost asked Hamand if he has city water, Hamand said no – a notice on the water bill would not have reached Hamand. Estok noted that few people take the time to read notices included with the water bill.

President Matt noted that no one was in attendance to object to Hamand's permit request, and closed the public hearing at 7:10pm.

Matt clarified that the variance was needed in order to get the building permits, Pfost stated that to be the case.

Matt made a motion to grant the variance to Hamand for his carport and lean-to. Skinner second. Motion carried 4-0, Hamand instructed to take his variance and obtain the necessary building permits.

President Matt opened the public hearing at 7:15pm for a variance request from Chuck and Janet Estok, for the purpose of obtaining a variance to build a pole barn taller than the allowable 18 ft at 904 E Henry Drive, property zoned residential.

Estok stated he wanted to build a pole building that is 22 feet tall, located behind and to the side of the existing house.

Byer noted there's a wood line behind the property, so there will not be neighbors behind the property who are affected. Byer also noted that the board had previously approved a similar request from another property owner.

Matt noted that he had considered that the city should change the ordinance to 22 ft from 18 ft, but both Matt and Byer noted that such a change could result in larger structures built within the city limits. Dealing with requests on a case by case basis and granting variances is preferable.

Matt noted that no neighbors were in attendance to object, and closed the public hearing at 7:20pm.

Byer made a motion to grant the variance to Estok to build the 22 ft pole building. Skinner second. Motion carried 4-0.

Old Business: None

Skinner made a motion to adjourn, Byer second. Motion carried 4-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:26pm.

Next meeting is Monday, September 16, 2019 at 7pm in the Knox City Hall.

Mike Skinner

Secretary, City of Knox Board of Zoning Appeals