



**CITY OF KNOX BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
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Meeting Minutes: June 20, 2022

Members Present: Mike Skinner, Darlene Dulin, Jeff Houston, Jim Jenkins

Staff Present: Kenny Pfof

Staff Not Present: Dave Metz

The June 20, 2022, Board of Zoning Appeals meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Mike Skinner. The Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call was performed. Member Houston made a motion to approve the April 18, 2022 minutes, and Member Dulin seconded the motion. Carried 4-0.

Public Hearing: Bella Vita, Special Use Request – President Skinner opened the Public Hearing at 6:04pm, and he read the Legal Notice. Matt and Becky Bailey were in attendance to present their proposal. Becky stated that the facility will still be ran by Bella Vita, but the rooms will be converted to rooms that will be lived in by unwed, pregnant women only. She said that traffic in and out of the facility will decrease. She also said that there will not be any men at the facility. Becky also asked for the \$200 application fee to be waived since Bella Vita is a non-profit organization. No letters in favor of or against the Special Use request were received. President Skinner closed the hearing at 6:07pm. The members asked Becky questions about the proposed facility. She informed the Board that Bella Vita is really looking for expecting mothers without any other children. She said that the mothers would be able to stay at the facility with child until child is 2 years old. She went on to say that the site is within walking distance from a lot of resources. Becky informed the Board of the possibility of tearing up part of parking lot in future for a fenced in yard. She stated that a lot of life skills will continue to be taught at the facility. Becky also reported that there will be a security system and a house mother that will be there all the time. She also said that no more than four mothers will stay at the facility at time. Eric Wood from Starke County EMS was present in support of the facility. No one else was in attendance that spoke in favor of or against the request. Member

Jenkins made a motion to approve maternity home with a maximum of four mothers and to waive the application fee. Member Houston seconded the motion. Carried 4-0.

Other Business: N/A

Adjournment: Member Houston made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Member Dulin seconded the motion. Carried 4-0.

Kenny Pfof
Director/Secretary