

STARKE COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

53 EAST MOUND STREET

KNOX, IN 46534

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MINUTES

June 19, 2019

Chairperson Troike opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

I Pledge of Allegiance- led by Chairperson Troike.

II Roll Call- Bob Troike (Chairperson), Zac Binkley (Vice-Chairperson), Mark Allen(Executive Secretary), Denise Cultice (Member), Don Binkley (Member), Martin Bedrock (Attorney), Terry Stephenson (Planning Commission Administrator), and Mary Beever (BZA Recording Secretary).

III Review of the meeting minutes for May 15, 2019- Member Cultice made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Executive Secretary Allen seconded that motion. Motion carried 5-0.

IV Public Hearing - to consider a conditional variance request by Wabash Valley Power C/O Schneider Corp. to place an energy substation, on property owned by Kankakee Valley Rural Electric Membership Corporation and described as follows: Pt. W. ½ Nw, 2.43 acres, Parcel number 75-09-33-100-001.100-013, located at 800 S. & Sr. 39 North Judson, IN 46366.

- ◆ Attorney Bedrock read the request listed above.
- ◆ All notifications were not in order.
 - Secretary Beever stated the notification for Brandon Field had not been returned or signed for but there was some tracking information on it.
- ◆ Plan. Comm. Admin. explained the applicants were before the board to place a substation.
- ◆ Chairperson Troike opened the public hearing.
- ◆ Representatives from Schneider Corp. and Wabash Power on behalf of Kankakee Valley Rural Electric Membership Corporation were present.
- ◆ M. Denise Long explained intent and reasoning on the building the substation a bit more in detail for the board.
- ◆ Board questions to the applicant.
- ◆ There were no audience members in favor or opposed that attended the meeting besides the representatives of Schneider Corp and Wabash Power who were in favor of the variance.
- ◆ Member D. Binkley made a motion to close the public comment portion of the hearing. Vice Chairperson Z. Binkley seconded that motion. Motion carried 4-0.
- ◆ Board discussion.
- ◆ Member D. Binkley made a motion to grant the variance as presented to the board. Executive Secretary Allen seconded that motion. Motion carried 4-0.
- ◆ Member Cultice abstained from all voting in the public hearing due to a conflict of interest in the matter.

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V Old/New Business -

- ◆ Secretary Beever explained that the planning commission is planning on changing their hearing dates to possibly the Second Tuesday of each month in order to fall between the two commissioner meetings. She asked the board if they would be opposed to a possible change like this or if it would conflict with any of them.
 - The board was open to changing the meeting date to continue to follow the planning commission meetings.
 - Secretary Beever stated that she would be in touch with them via e-mail when something gets changed for sure and then vote to accept the new meeting dates at the next scheduled meeting.

VI With no further business to come before the board Member Cultice made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Member D. Binkley. Motion carried 5-0. The June 19, 2019 meeting adjourned at 6:43p.m. local time. This meeting was recorded and will be on file in the zoning office. The next meeting of the Starke County Board of Zoning Appeals is scheduled for (Second Monday) August 12, 2019 the latter of 6:30 p.m. or the conclusion of the Planning Commission Meeting, in the Starke County Government Building, located in Knox, IN.