

MINUTES OF THE KINGSPORT BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS (BZA)

August 9, 2023, Called Meeting

10:00am

Conference Room 226, City Hall

Members Present:

Bill Sumner

Tracey Cleek

Joe White

Calvin Clifton

Members Absent:

Wes Combs

Staff Present:

Lori Lane

Jessica McMurray

Visitors:

Brian Tate

Chairman Sumner called the meeting to order at 10:03a.

Chairman Sumner explained the meeting procedures.

Ms. Lori Lane conducted the swearing in ceremony for those wishing to speak during the called meeting. All visitors were sworn in.

Public Hearing:

Case:23-0253– The owner of property located at 1 Tribe Way, Control Map 061D, Group J, Parcel 02.00

requests a 115.8 square foot variance to Sec 114-536(2). The purpose of the request is to exceed maximum size requirements for a new electronic message board. The property is zoned R-4, Medium Density Apartment District.

Mr. Brian Tate introduced himself and presented the case. Mr. Tate stated the reason behind the request is a donation of funding for a new electronic message board. Mr. Tate explained the new electronic message board will replace the current outdated electronic message board. He further explained the need for the larger electronic message board was due to the school campus being the largest school campus within the city and surrounded by three major roadways.

Chairman Sumner, seeing no one wishing to speak further on the item, closed the public hearing.

Adjudication of Cases:

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The Board acknowledged the hardship of the subject parcel due to its size and location and noted the increased size of the electronic message board could help improve traffic flow as drivers can clearly read the message without slowing down.

MOTION: made by Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Sumner, to grant the 115.8 square foot variance to exceed maximum size requirements for a new electronic message board as requested.

VOTE: 4-0 to approve the request.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:19am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jessica McMurray
Development Coordinator