

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS

Monday, November 28, 2016
6:00 P.M

Council Chambers
Manning City Hall

Members Present:

Mark Bellemey
Ted Gardner
Jerome Kindell

Members Absent:

James Zimmerman (E)

Staff Present:

Charmel Mack – Administrative Assistance Clerk

I. Welcome/ Introductory Remarks:

Mr. T. Gardener welcomes all and called meeting to order.

II. Invocation : Mr. T. Gardner

III. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Appeals, June 27, 2016.

A **Motion** was made by Mr. M. Bellemey and was second by Mr. J. Kindell to approve the minutes. All in favor.

IV. Request No. V-2016-06 by Israelite Holy Temple Outreach Ministry to be allowed a variance of a 32 Sq. Ft. for a freestanding sign located at 151 West Huggins Street, Tax Map # 169-14-02-006-00, zoned Residential (RS-6).

Mr. T. Gardner

Requested that everyone speaking needed to state their names and sign in when coming forth.

Mr. M. Bellemey

Advised Mr. Gardner everyone has signed in.

Mrs. Diane Wilson (Speaker)

Mrs. Wilson is from Israelite Holy Temple Outreach Ministry located in Manning, South Carolina. Mrs. Wilson is requesting a freestanding sign larger than allowed to continue to encourage the community. They previously had a sign about the size they are currently requesting from the board; however the sign wasn't a permanent sign. Scriptures was place on the sign that attracted the community for words of encouragement. A teacher of disability children saw words of encouragement on their sign and thank the church for encouraging the community. She stated "they are in the process of improving the church and Israelite Holy Temple Outreach Ministry wants to be a blessing to the community". Mrs. Wilson believes encouraging scriptures on a larger sign will be a blessing for their community.

The following inquiries were made by the Board:

Mr. T. Gardner

How many congregations do the church current have?

Mrs. D. Wilson

An estimate of 50 members not including children

Mr. M. Bellemy

Stated he doesn't have a problem with the sign, he's concern about the size of the sign based on the maximum square footage allowed for a freestanding sign in a Residential area. Asked Mrs. Wilson if they can downsize the sign?

Mrs. D. Wilson

They are unable to downsize the sign due to the company that's doing the work. She was giving an impression from the signage company that's their standard size sign. Mrs. Wilson stated she is currently paying towards the sign.

Mr. M. Bellemy

Advised Mrs. Wilson the signage company should have obtained the zoning requirements first for that area before collecting any payment. Mr. Bellemy mentions to Mrs. Wilson his concerns of the sign potentially being too large for the community.

Mrs. D. Wilson

She doesn't believe the sign will be an issue for the community.

Mr. J. Kindell

Asked Mrs. Wilson if the 32 square foot sign will be a 4 x 8 sign.

Mrs. D. Wilson

She's not familiar with footage and advised the board they have the dimensions available to view. The church has enough land to place the sign in an area that won't cause a distraction. The sign will be place where it is required.

Mr. M. Bellemy

A sign is usually place near a road. How much variances will there be from the road to where the sign will be place?

Mrs. D. Wilson

The sign will be place where it is required to be placed. She has no problem placing the sign where it is required.

Mr. M. Bellemy

Advised Mrs. Wilson signage companies usually inform customers where signs will be placed and not where the customer wants the sign to be placed.

Mrs. D. Wilson

The signage company has been patient with them and the company advised Mrs. Wilson to go to City Hall. She advised the board the signage company has been communicating with someone at City Hall. She will ensure the requirements of the sign are met based on information provided. She has a better understanding of the height requirement and blocking traffic. She will ensure the sign is place in the correct and safest location.

Mr. M. Bellemy

Advised Mrs. Wilson he wanted to make sure certain questions was asked for future reference.

Mrs. D. Wilson

Stated to Mr. Bellemy, "Ask any question".

Mr. T. Gardner

Informed Mrs. Wilson she needs to obtain from City Hall the required location of the sign to avoid objections.

Mrs. D. Wilson

Asked Mr. Gardner for clarity if she is approved, she need to obtain from City Hall the location where the sign is required to be placed.

Mr. J. Kindell

Don't believe the size of the sign will be an issue for the community or cause traffic distraction. He has seen similar signs and the signs look nice.

Renee Harris (Speaker)

Advised the board, the sign they currently have at the church is the same sign.

Mr. M. Bellemy

Informed Mrs. Renee the sign the church current have is a mobile sign. The church is requesting to replace the mobile sign with a permanent sign and the board what's to ensure the sign is place in the correct location.

Opponents

No one was in attendance to oppose the request.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Bellemy and was second by Mr. Kindell to grant Israelite Holy Temple Outreach Ministry variance of 32 square foot freestanding sign.

V. Board Comments :

No Comments from the Board

VI. Adjournment :

A **motion** was made by Mr. Bellemy to adjourn and Mr. Kindell second the motion All in favored the motion.

Time: 6:20 P.M

Respectfully Submitted,

Charmel Mack, Administrative Assistance Clerk