

**MINUTES
WHITLEY COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
REGULAR MEETING
November 22, 2022
7:30 P.M.**

**Whitley County Government Center
Meeting Room A/B**

MEMBERS	PRESENT	ABSENT	STAFF
Tim Denihan		X	Nathan Bilger
Sarah Lopez	X		
Danny Wilkinson	X		
Doug Wright	X		LEGAL COUNSEL
Joe Wolf	X		
<i>Kelley Sheiss (alt.)</i>		X	

AUDIENCE MEMBERS

The list of audience members, in-person and electronic, is attached to these minutes. The signed guest list is kept on record.

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mr. Wilkinson called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Mr. Bilger read the roll call; the members present and absent are listed above.

CONSIDERATION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

The minutes for the October 25, 2022 regular meeting were presented for review. Mr. Wright made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Wolf seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 4-0.

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH

Mr. Bilger provided the oath to the audience members wishing to speak.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

22-W-VAR-27

St. Matthew’s Community Church is requesting a development standards variance for an EMC sign and encroachment into the required front setback for installation of a replacement sign on the property located at 1460 E. 500 North, in Section 15 in Thorncreek Township.

Mr. Bilger presented the staff report. He explained the proposed sign project, size, and location. Explanation was given as to the variances needed for setback and EMC allowance. Due to the removal of the existing sign, a variance is needed to be placed in the same location. He also described the property, the setbacks that would be proposed, and the encroachment into the front

setback to the east side. Aerial views were displayed as well as the proposed sign design. Review criteria and suggested conditions were discussed.

Pat Stanford, 836 Threshers Run, addressed the Board. He explained that the Church was wanting to replace the sign due to the signs age and that the Church had also changed names.

Hearing no public comment, Mr. Wilkinson asked for discussion and a motion from the Board.

Mr. Wolf made a motion to approve 22-W-VAR-27 with the following conditions:

1. The sign shall not appear to flash, undulate, pulse, or portray explosions, fireworks, flashes of light or blinking or chasing lights.
2. Electronic messages may not change more rapidly than once every one and one-half (1.5) seconds.
3. Electronic messages may not require more than ten (10) seconds to display in its entirety.
4. The sign shall have a sensor or other device that automatically determines the ambient illumination and be programmed to automatically dim according to ambient light conditions.

Ms. Lopez seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 4-0 with all attending members voting in favor.

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

Having no other business, Mr. Wilkinson adjourned the meeting at 7:43 P.M.

GUEST LIST

1. Pat Stanford.....836 Threshers Run
2. Jan Greaf5025 S. 500 East
3. Greg Greaf5025 S. 500 East
4. Andrew Schulenburg440 E. Brackenridge

GUEST LIST – ELECTRONIC

5. Brent Bockelman115 E. Jefferson St.