

Town of Griffith
Board of Zoning Appeals
May 19, 2025

The May 19, 2025, Board of Zoning Appeals meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Chairman John Mowery with members, Tom Wichlinski, Jason Nolasco and Carl Kus. Also present was Attorney, Bob Schwerd, Town Council Liaison, Larry Ballah and Building Commissioner, Veronica Horka.

Minutes from the April 21, 2025, meeting were approved as written.

OLD BUSINESS

Item #1 All Stars Carwash & Auto Detailing Inc.; David Blacha: 100 N. Colfax Ave., Unit #7 A Public Hearing for a Use Variance to add a U-Haul Rental business property is zoned B3; General Business. Petitioner has requested a continuance to the June 16, 2025 meeting. **Mr. Wichlinski made a motion granting Petitioner permission for a continuance to the June 16, 2025 meeting. Motion was seconded by Mr. Nolasco. All favored; motion carried.**

NEW BUSINESS

Item #1 BAPS Munster LLC: Vijay Patel, MD; 400 W. 44th Pl., Requesting Permission to hold a Public Hearing on a Developmental Variance to install a fence around the perimeter of the property. Dr. Patel appeared before the board. He stated that he wanted to install a fence around the perimeter of the facility and was also present to request a Public Hearing. Mr. Wichlinski asked Dr. Patel if this was discussed at a Plan Commission meeting in the past. Dr. Patel stated that this was talked about approximately (2) years ago. Mrs. Horka advised that this fence proposal was brought up at a Plan Commission meeting in the past. Mr. Wichlinski asked where the pvc fence would transition to the ornamental fence. Dr. Patel stated that the back portion of the fence, Harvey St., would be pvc and it would transition to iron ornamental fence on 44th St. He also said that the gates will be closed, but the Griffith Fire Department and emergency personnel would have access to this property at all times. Attorney Schwerd asked how wide the gates were for emergency access and Mr. Patel replied that they were 16' wide by 6' high. **Mr. Wichlinski made a motion granting permission for a Public Hearing on a Development Variance to install a fence around the perimeter of the property. Motion was seconded by Mr. Kus. All favored; motion carried.**

COMMUNICATIONS

None

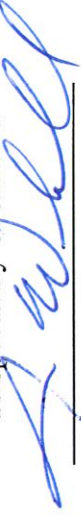
BILLS AND EXPENDITURES

Mr. Wichlinski made a motion to approve a claim for the meetings held April 21, 2025, in the amount of \$35.00 **seconded by Mr. Nolasco. All favored, motion carried.**

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board of Zoning Appeals, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted



Tom Wichlinski, Secretary



Tricia Hanrath, Recording Secretary