

Town of Griffith  
Board of Zoning Appeals  
February 26, 2014

The Board of Zoning Appeals meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman John Mowery with members Eddie Gonzalez, Carl Kus, Ray Elbaor and Tom Wichlinski. Also present was Attorney, Brent Torrenza filling in for Town Attorney, Bob Schwerd and Town Council Liaison; Larry Ballah. Absent was Building Commissioner; Donche Andonov.

The minutes of the January 22, 2014 Board of Zoning Appeals meeting were approved as written.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Item #1 AT&T by Derek McGrew re: Water Towner on West Avenue B; a Public Hearing on a Developmental Variance with respect to antennae height. Zoning is OS.**

Mr. Mowery asked if proof of mailings and publication were in order. Mr. Torrenza stated all legal requirements are in order. Mr. Mowery then opened up the Public Hearing portion of the meeting. Mr. McGrew appeared before the Board on behalf of AT&T. Mr. McGrew stated he is seeking a height variance to install an antenna on the Town's water tower located on Ave B. The antenna will not interfere with existing antennas. No remonstrators appeared before the Board. Mr. Elbaor asked if the antenna will be installed by sections or by use of a crane. Mr. McGrew stated the antenna will be erected on top of the tank and installed by sections, a crane will probably be used also. Mr. Mowery asked if by raising the height of the antenna it would interfere with other carriers' signals. Mr. McGrew stated in his past experience, interference is not an issue. Mr. Mowery closed the Public Hearing portion of the meeting. Mr. Mowery informed Mr. McGrew that he must meet with Mr. Andonov and the Town Engineer before permits are issued and installation occurs. Mr. McGrew understood. ***Mr. Elbaor made a motion*** granting a 150' Developmental Variance to AT&T by Derek McGrew with respect to antennae height ***seconded by Mr. Wichlinski. All favored, motion carried. Mr. Wichlinski made a motion*** allowing Mr. Torrenza to prepare Findings of Fact as well as allow Mr. Mowery to sign the said Findings once prepared ***seconded by Mr. Kus. All favored, motion carried.***

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Item #2 Crestar Capital Indiana, LLC by Brad Spiegel and/or Michael Smith re: 717 N. Elmer; requesting permission for a Special Use to allow a R3 Use (2 family dwelling) in a R2 (single family) Zoning District.**

Petitioner was not present. ***Mr. Wichlinski made a motion*** to continue Crestar Capital Indiana, LLC by Brad Spiegel and/or Michael Smith re: 717 N. Elmer; requesting permission for a Special Use to allow a R3 Use (2 family dwelling) in a R2 (single family) Zoning District to the March 26, 2014 meeting ***seconded by Mr. Gonzalez. All favored, motion carried.***

**COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

**BILLS AND EXPENDITURES**

***Mr. Kus made a motion*** to approve a claim for the January 22, 2014 Board of Zoning Appeals minute preparation in the amount of \$35.00 ***seconded by Mr. Wichlinski. 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 7:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

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Tom Wichlinski, Secretary

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Veronica L. Horka, Recording Secretary