Town of Griffith Board of Zoning Appeals January 21, 2019

The Board of Zoning Appeals meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman John Mowery with members Carl Kus, and Ray Elbaor. Also present was Town Attorney; Joseph Svetanoff, and Building Commissioner; Steve McDermott. Absent was member Tom Wichlinski and Town Council Liaison; Larry Ballah. Danielle Carlson has moved and is no longer a member.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. Kus made a motion that all members shall retain their current positions seconded by Mr. Elbaor. Mr. Mowery; Chairman, Mr. Kus; Vice Chairman, and Secretary; Tom Wichlinski. All favored, motion carried.

The minutes from the July 16, 2018 Board of Zoning Appeals meeting were approved as written.

OLD BUSINESS

Item #1 200 E. Ridge Rd., by Haneen Kamleh. Public Hearing on a Use Variance to open a used car lot with an indoor showroom. Property is zoned B3; General Business. The petitioner is no longer interested in this location.

Mr. Kus made a motion to drop 200 E. Ridge Rd., by Haneen Kamleh seconded by Mr. Elbaor. All favored, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Item #1 Central States Tower, LLC by Bryan Donley of Insite LLC. Requesting permission to advertise for a Public Hearing on a Developmental Standards Variance at Wiggs St. & Pine St. (GHS Baseball Field). Exceeding the allowable height of a light standard to upgrade a telecommunications tower.

Mr. Bryan Donley appeared before the Board. Mr. Donley proposed a new, dual use, light standard located at the Griffith High School baseball field. The additional use is to add a telecommunications facility (three additional wireless carriers) to the light fixture. It is a proposal for a new tower and ground space with Verizon being the anchor tenant. The allowable height is 70' and the proposed tower is 130' (120' plus a 5' lightning rod). Mr. Elbaor asked if there will be FAA lighting affixed to the tower. Mr. Donley stated there will not. Mr. Elbaor made a motion granting Central States Tower, LLC permission to advertise for a Public Hearing on a Developmental Standards Variance at Wiggs St. & Pine St. seconded by Mr. Kus. All favored, motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

BILLS AND EXPENDITURES

Mr. Elbaor made a motion to approve a claim for the meeting held July 16, 2018 in the amount of \$35.00 seconded by Mr. Kus. 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 6:11 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Tom Wichlinski, Secretary

Veronica L. Horka, Recording Secretary