Town of Griffith The Board of Zoning Appeals September 16, 2019

The Board of Zoning Appeals meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Chairman John Mowery with members Carl Kus, Ray Elbaor, and Theresa Rivas. Also present was Town Attorney; Joe Svetanoff and Building Commissioner; Steve McDermott. Absent was member Tom Wichlinski and Town Council Liaison; Larry Ballah.

Mr. Elbaor made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 15, 2019 meeting seconded by Mrs. Rivas. All favored, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

<u>Item #1Mirjan Petrovic; 331 N. Broad St. Requesting permission for a Public Hearing on a Special Use Variance to use the lower level (basement) as a residence.</u>

Ms. Valentina Mitreska; 10730 Main Dr., Crown Point, appeared before the Commission on behalf of Mr. Petrovic. Ms. Mitreska is proposing to rent out the lower (basement) as a residence and rent the main floor for a business use. The basement has its own exit, utilities, etc. Ms. Mitreska continued in stating, Mr. Petrovic purchased the property under the assumption it was residential. Mr. Mowery asked how the property is zoned. Mr. McDermott stated it is zoned B2, Central Business. Mr. McDermott then questioned who owns the property. The lake county records indicate different ownership, not Mr. Petrovic. Ms. Mitreska stated the property is being purchased under contract. Attorney Svetanoff stated the property owner needs to provide a document allowing Mr. Petrovic to speak on behalf of the property, in addition to, Mr. Petrovic providing a P.O.A. for Ms. Mitreska to speak on his behalf. Ms. Mitreska stated she understood. Mr. Kus asked if the basement has a separate exit from the upstairs. Ms. Mitreska stated it does. *Mr. Kus made a motion* granting Mirjan Petrovic, 331 N. Broad St. permission to advertise for a Public Hearing on a Special Use Variance to rent the lower level as a residence *seconded by Mrs. Riva. All favored, motion carried.*

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

BILLS AND EXPENDITURES

Mr. Elbaor made a motion to approve a claim for the meeting held July 15, 2019 in the amount of \$35.00 seconded by Mrs. Rivas. 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 6:14 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Tom Wichlinski, Secretary

Veronica L. Horka, Recording Secretary