## Town of Griffith Board of Zoning Appeals December 21, 2020

The Board of Zoning Appeals meeting was called to order at 6:00p.m. by Chairman John Mowery with members Carl Kus and Tom Wichlinski present. Also present was Attorney; Bob Schwerd, Town Council Liaison; Larry Ballah, and Building Commissioner; Steve McDermott. Absent was Theresa Rivas and Ray Elbaor.

Minutes from the November 16, 2020 meeting were approved with the correction of changing Plan Commission final approval to Town Council.

## OLD BUSINESS

Item #1 Triple Libra Tattoos; 140 S Broad St. A Public Hearing on a Special Use Variance of the property to operate a tattoo shop. Mr. Mowery asked if all mailings and publications were in order, to which Mr. Schwerd mentioned she is compliance, due to a change of address on the certified mail. Mr. Mowery then opened up the public hearing portion of the meeting. Ms. Rosignol then appeared before the board explaining her business and plans to operate; she also showed a sample of the proposed window coverings. No remonstrators appeared before the board. Mr. Wichlinski verified that the store would have an obscure front with no advertisements, while also operating by appointment only Mr. Wichlinski asked Mr. Schwerd if they are cutting hairs approving this, to which Mr. Schwerd said he does not feel this is such a case. He also mentioned they can make requirements, based upon reason, in exchange for her commitments. Mr. Ballah mentioned a plan to incorporate the backs of these buildings into the bike trail to which Mr. Ballah mentioned the back yard of this area being developed into a stopping station for the bike trail, small concerts, etc. Mr. Ballah had a question on if the business wants to expand, does Ms. Rosignol need to appear before the board again. Mr. Schwerd mentioned if they make it a requirement then yes. Ms. Rosignol also confirmed again, it would be an appointment only area with no advertisement. Mr. Mowery then closed the public hearing. Mr. Wichlinski made a motion to give favorable recommendation to Town Council for Triple Libra Tattoos; 140 S Broad for a special use variance of the property to operate a tattoo shop with the following caveats: 1) there will be no signage on the building advertising the store, 2) front windows obscured and, 3) it will operate by appointment only. Motion seconded by Mr. Kus. All favored, motion carried. Mr. Wichlinski made a motion for Mr. Schwerd to prepare findings of fact and authorize the BZA president to execute findings of fact once complete. Motion seconded by Mr. Kus. All favored, motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS** 

None.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

BILLS AND EXPENDITURES

Mr. Wichlinski made a motion to approve a claim for the meeting held November 16, 2020 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, Mr. Mowery made a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Mr. Kus. All favored, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.