

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE
DECATUR ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

Thursday, April 8, 2021 4:00 P.M.
Civic Center Theatre, Decatur Civic Center

I. Call to Order and Determination of a Quorum

The, April 8, 2021 meeting of the Decatur Zoning Board of Appeals was called to order at 4:00 P.M. by Chairman Julie Lamb who determined a quorum was present.

Members Present: Kim Aukamp, Chris Brodnicki,
Zane Peterson, Jeff Taylor, Julie Lamb

Jeff Taylor participated through electronic attendance pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120/7(c)(2) and a determination made by Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe that in-person meeting of all members of the Zoning Board of Appeals is not practical or prudent because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Members Absent: Leslie Risby

Staff Present: Greg Crowe, Joselyn Stewart, Amy Waks, Janet Poland

II. Approval of Minutes: January 14, 2021

It was moved and seconded (Taylor/Aukamp) to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2021 meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals. Motion carried unanimously.

III. New Business

Case No. 21-02 Petition of BENDSEN SIGNS & GRAPHICS, for a variance in the provisions of the Zoning Ordinance (Ordinance #3512 as amended, Sections XXV.B.2. and XXV.B.9.b.) to reduce the required setback line of an Electronic Message Unit from 100 feet to 84 feet from the boundary of a residentially zoned district or residential use to allow for the construction of a sign with an electronic message unit for the existing church at 2400 SOUTH FRANKLIN STREET

Mrs. Joselyn Stewart was sworn in by Mrs. Janet Poland.

Mrs. Stewart discussed and presented slides of the site and surrounding properties (available for viewing upon request) along with staff's recommendation for approval of the petition based on the staff report distributed to the Zoning Board of Appeals prior to the meeting (staff report is on file and is available for reviewing by request) with the following condition:

1. Electronic message unit signs located in any residentially zoned district shall only be permitted in an electronic message unit monument style sign structure and constructed of stone and/or masonry.

Discussion amongst the Zoning Board of Appeals members and City Staff followed Mrs. Stewart's presentation including construction materials for the electronic message unit. Mr. Crowe stated the construction is stone and/or masonry. If there is surrounding metal they normally apply a veneer to the monument structure.

There were no objectors present.

It was moved and seconded (Peterson/Aukamp) to approve Case. No. 21-02 as recommended by staff.

Upon call of the roll, Commission members Kim Aukamp, Chris Brodnicki, Zane Peterson, Jeff Taylor and Chairman Julie Lamb voted aye. Chairman Lamb declared the motion carried.

IV. Appearance of Citizens

No citizen expressed comments.

V. Comments and Information from Commission Members

No Commission members expressed comments.

VI. Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved and seconded (Peterson/Taylor) to adjourn the meeting.

Upon call of the roll, Commission members Kim Aukamp, Chris Brodnicki, Zane Peterson, Jeff Taylor and Chairman Julie Lamb voted aye. Chairman Lamb declared the meeting adjourned at 4:07 P.M.