

VILLAGE OF WATKINS GLEN
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
MINUTES
January 26, 2016

A meeting of the Watkins Glen Zoning Board of Appeals was held on Tuesday, January 26, 2016. Present were: Mark Stephany, Robert Lee, Thomas Gossett, Kathy Fragola (via Skype) and Richard Evans. Also present was recording Secretary Naomi C. Kingsley.

Mark Stephany called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and apologized to those who were in attendance on January 14th.

Application 2016-01 – Appeal of Zoning Administrators Decision by Carrols LLC (Burger King) 211 S. Franklin Street for signage. Mr. Bob Storie was present on behalf of Carrols.

Mr. Storie explained that Burger King had always had backlit signs until the remodel. When asked how many signs he was applying for he stated the 4’ sign on the side of the building that reads “Home of the Whopper” and a 5’ logo on the other side. The board went through the criteria for an area variance. After some discussion Kathy made a motion that the variance not be granted. Rick seconded the motion. The vote was 3 – aye, and 2 – nay. The variance was denied.

Application 2016-02 – Appeal of Zoning Administrators Decision by Maguire Dodge, Chrysler, Jeep, 502 N. Franklin Street for signage. This is a two part application regarding sign height and sign illumination. Phil Maguire was present on behalf of Maguires.

Mr. Maguire explained that they were updating the signs according to Chryslers requirements. The signs are getting smaller and more modern. They will be lit and fixed to the building instead of the great big hanging sign there now. The board went through the criteria for an area variance for both parts. Bob made a motion to approve part one of the variance with regards to sign height. Tom seconded the motion. All were in favor. Bob made a motion to approve the second part of the variance regarding lighting with the understanding that the direct lighting will be low light and timers will turn the lighting off after midnight. Tom seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Application 2016-03 – Appeal of Zoning Administrators Decision by Robert & Sarah Kucoba, 72 Salt Point Road for a driveway.

Mr. Kurcoba is requesting permission to create a driveway in the village right-of-way. The board went through the criteria for an area variance and after some discussion Mark made the motion not to grant the application due to the fact that it is not in the boards purview to grant because it is in the village right of way. Rick seconded the motion. All were in favor.

There being no further business Rick made the motion to adjourn. Kathy seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Naomi C. Kingsley
Acting secretary