

REGULAR MEETING OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
VILLAGE OF WATKINS GLEN HELD MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2019

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The public session of the meeting was called to order at 6:33pm by David Hertel who led the assembled in the pledge of allegiance. Present were Stacy Gray, David Hertel, Colleen Chavchavadze and Treasurer Rhonda Slater. Also present was Code Enforcement Officer Gregory Larnard. Absent was Chairman Robert Lee. There were four other persons in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Colleen Chavchavadze made the motion to approve the minutes for the November 1, 2018 meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals with an amendment to include the following statement: Board Member Stacy Gray made a statement that although her fiancé Brad Eakins is on the Board of the Watkins Glen Housing Authority Board she would still be able to remain impartial on this matter. Roger Hugo seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

APPLICATION FOR ZONING REVIEW

Melinda Beheydt dba Seneca Sunrise Coffee Use Variance

Melinda & Jochen Beheydt were present to request a use variance for 806 N Decatur Street to allow them to open a coffee shop within the residential district classified as R3. This district allows for cottage industries, but does not allow for restaurants or retail buildings. Sue Olevnik, a resident in this R3 district, stated that she was previously the secretary for the Zoning Board of Appeals and aware of the rules and regulations governing the Board. A variance request cannot be submitted by anyone other than the property owner and there are specific guidelines for granting a variance; they should not be granted lightly. Melinda Beheydt is not the owner of 806 N Decatur Street and therefore, should not be the person applying for said variance. Colleen Chavchavadze made the motion to deny the requested use variance. David Hertel seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

BOARD CONCERNS/NEW BUSINESS

There were no new board concerns.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board, David Hertel made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:50pm. Stacy Gray seconded the motion. The Board then voted on the motion and all were in favor. Motion Carried.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectively Submitted,

Rhonda E Slater