



CICERO / JACKSON TOWNSHIP BZA MEETING

BZA Meeting Minutes
November 17, 2016
7:00 p.m.

Roll Call of Members

Present:

- Brad Baker – Chairman-present
- Tom Warner – Secretary-absent
- Art Hall-present
- Dan Strong-present as Interim Plan Director
- David Martin-present
- Mike Berry-present
- Aaron Culp - Legal Counsel-present
- Terri Strong - Recorder

1. Declaration of Quorum-Declared with 4 voting members.
2. Approval of Minutes-Chairman Baker presented minutes for approval for July, Aug, Sept, and Oct 2015.
Motion was made by Mr. Martin to approve all minutes listed. Second by Mr. Berry. All present in favor.

3. Old Business- None

4. New Business

Docket #: BZA-1016-018-NC

Petitioner: Premier Sign Group

**Property Address: 170 S. Peru Street
Cicero, IN 46034**

Development Standards Variance: To allow for a roof mounted sign whereas the ordinance states that a roof mounted sign is a prohibited permanent sign in an "NC" Zoning District.

Zach Acres 815 East 63rd Place, Indianapolis, IN 46220 representing Premier Sign contracted by Port Cicero Liquors. Correction to address listed on original agenda, 170 is accurate. Chairman Baker asked Mr. Acres to address the project. Locating signage as presented to board which would be LED illuminated, utilizing existing brackets, under 48x12 in size. Renderings shown to board.

Chairman Baker asked about lumens. Mr. Acres was not able to provide. Mr. Berry asked if continuous light. Mr. Acres stated light would be on all the time even if business closed. Mr. Berry clarified, would it be flashing. Mr. Acres responded with no it would not flash. Mr. Hall asked if signage would be eliminated by the expansion. Mr. Strong explained once a sign is not in use for 14 days it is considered abandoned and a variance is required, this is why they are here tonight.



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Mr. Acres questioned if sign had been put up in 14 days the hearing would not be needed. Mr. Strong explained that typically signage goes with the business not the building. Chairman Baker asked if ready to proceed if vote passes tonight. Mr. Acres stated within two weeks. Petitioner was advised he could postpone if was concerned that only four members could vote.

Mr. Strong asked Mr. Acres about address, the legal notices posted as 127. Mr. Berry stated Subway is 120, existing business is 170. Chairman Baker asked if other business signs on the buildings are dusk to dawn and asked if there was language to address the timing of lamination. Mr. Strong stated no there is not. Discussion took place around the timing of the existing lighting and potential of conditions.

Mr. Martin made motion to open public hearing. Mr. Berry second. All present in favor. Public hearing open.

Scott Bockoski 4020 E. 225th St. Cicero, question for petitioner, if sign goes up and is much brighter than other signs on building, could it be adjusted down. Mr. Acres stated could easily install a dimmer. Mr. Culp stated if board desires, could include language for the Plan Director to make determination.

Mr. Berry made motion to close public hearing. Mr. Martin second. All present in favor. Hearing closed.

Chairman Baker asked board members if further questions, hearing none.

Mr. Martin made motion to approve Docket 1016-018-NC with following conditions: sign is on during business hours only or when other businesses in development are open, that plan director can evaluate brightness of the sign to have adjusted to match other signs in development and lastly, that sign stays with current business which is Port Cicero Liquors.

Mr. Baker-yes Mr. Hall-yes, Mr. Martin-yes, Mr. Berry-yes. Motion approved.

Chairman Baker asked that Mr. Acres work with Mr. Strong to get everything complete.

5. Plan Director's Report: Actively looking for Plan Director via ads, and if anyone knows of anyone please let Mr. Strong know. Chairman Baker asked if the job description was the same. Mr. Strong stated the same as in the past, on cicero.org if interested. Mr. Berry asked time line. Mr. Strong stated originally January 1, however may be longer due to lack of applicants. Mr. Martin asked how advertising is being done. Mr. Strong stated advertising via planning magazine, two websites, fire department inspector site, and a few others. Mr. Strong answered Tipton had recently searched and would be reaching out to see how they had success. Mr. Culp stated Tipton had someone consulting and then inspector and someone handling day-to-day, thought they were eliminating the position continuing with consulting position. Chairman Baker asked if has inspector currently, Mr. Strong stated yes someone from Alexandria had been doing inspections prior and is qualified to do commercial inspections as well.

6. Chairman's Report:

Nothing more than listed above.

7. Legal Counsel's Report: None



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8. Public Comment: None

9. Board Member Comments: Mr. Culp reminded to fill out FOF information sheets.

10. Next Planned BZA Meeting:
December 22, 2016 at 7:00 pm

11. Adjournment: **Mr. Martin made motion to adjourned, Mr. Berry second. Meeting adjourned.**

Signatures:

Chairman

Secretary

Recorder

Date: _____

Location:
Cicero Town Hall
70 N Byron Street
Cicero, IN 46034