

MINUTES OF A BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENTS MEETING HELD ON THE 4th DAY OF MARCH, 2008, AT 4 P.M.

The Board of Zoning Adjustments met in regular session on March 4, 2008, at 4 o'clock P.M. in the Municipal Courtroom at the Eufaula Police Department Complex, 545 East Barbour Street. Upon call of the roll the following members were present: Frank Barefield, Chairman, Louise Howard, Ann Blondheim, and Willie Walton. Absent: Reverend Richard Hunter.

Also present: Tim Milner, City Planner.

Chairman Barefield stated a quorum was present and called the meeting to order.

Mr. Walton moved to approve the minutes of February 5, 2008. Mrs. Howard seconded the motion. After a voice vote Chairman Barefield stated the motion had carried.

The first application was by Stephen Sherman requesting a Special Exception for Home Occupation to operate a computer web site from his home at 427 Pebble Beach Drive. He stated there would be no customers coming to his home and no sign on the premises.

Chairman Barefield read aloud the Staff Review which recommended approval and asked that it be made a part of the minutes. He then called for audience input. There was no response from the audience.

Chairman Barefield noted that all legal requirements of notification of adjoining property owners had been met and a sign placed on the site.

After discussion Mrs. Blondheim moved to approve the request by Stephen Sherman for a Special Exception for home occupation (computer) subject to the applicant meeting all requirements of Section 6.23 of the Zoning Ordinance. Mrs. Howard seconded the motion. The following roll call vote was recorded: Yeas: Mr. Walton, Mrs. Howard, Mrs. Blondheim, and Chairman Barefield. Nays: none. Chairman Barefield announced the motion had carried and informed the applicant of the 15-day waiting period allowed for the appeal process.

The next application was by Michael Murphy requesting a Special Exception for home occupation (drafting) from his home location at 423 Pebble Beach Drive. Mr. Murphy stated there will be no customers coming to his home, no sign on the property and no storage of equipment.

Chairman Barefield read the Staff Review which recommended approval and asked that it be made a part of the minutes. Chairman Barefield noted that all legal requirement of notification of adjoining property owners had been met and a sign placed on the property. He then called for audience input. There was no response from the audience.

Mr. Walton moved to grant the Special Exception for home occupation to Michael Murphy at his home located at 423 Pebble Beach Drive. Mrs. Howard seconded the motion. The following roll call vote was recorded: Yeas: Mr. Walton, Mrs. Blondheim, Mrs. Howard and Chairman Barefield. Nays: none. Chairman Barefield noted the motion had carried and advised the applicant of the 15-day waiting period allowed for the appeal process.

Chairman Barefield called for the next applicant, Syrenthia Russell. Ms. Russell was not present.

Mrs. Howard moved to table consideration of Ms. Russell's application until the next regular meeting. Mr. Walton seconded the motion. After a voice vote Chairman Barefield announced the motion had carried.

Mrs. Howard stated that the tire store located on South Eufaula Avenue has piles of tires stacked up outside the building and also around his home that need to be removed. Chairman Barefield also agreed that the tires need to be removed.

Tim Milner, City Planner, stated that the city would not favor changing the zoning ordinance to allow churches to exceed the 35' height requirement. He stated that any church desiring to exceed the height requirement would have to come before the Board of Zoning Adjustments to request a variance.

At this point Syrenthia Russell entered the meeting.

Mrs. Howard moved to rescind the motion to table consideration of Syrenthia Russell's application. Mr. Walton seconded the motion. After a voice vote Chairman Barefield announced the motion had carried.

The last application was by Syrenthia Russell requesting a Special Exception for home Occupation (computer) from her home located at 73 Jackson Street. Ms. Russell stated she would be using the computer to conduct research and to market an invention. She further stated there would be no customers, no signs, no storage of equipment and no deliveries.

Chairman Barefield noted that all legal requirements of notification of adjoining property owners had been met and a sign placed on the site.

Chairman Barefield read aloud the Staff Review which recommended approval and asked that it be made a part of the minutes. He then called for audience input. There was no response from the audience.

Mr. Walton moved to grant the variance to Syrenthia Russell at 73 Jackson Street subject to the applicant meeting the requirements of Section 6.23, and if any complaints are made by neighbors the Board can request Ms. Russell to return to the BZA. Mrs. Blondheim seconded the motion. The following vote was recorded: Yeas: Mr. Walton, Mrs. Blondheim, Mrs. Howard, and Chairman Barefield. Nays: none. Chairman Barefield announced the motion had carried and advised the applicant of the 15-day waiting period allowed for the appeal process.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the same was on motion duly made and seconded, adjourned this 4th day of March, 2008.

Frank Barefield
Chairman

Gloria Cole
Secretary
