

OAK RIDGE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
MINUTES

Meeting date: September 13, 2016

Call to order: A regular meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) was held in the Municipal Building Courtroom, Oak Ridge, TN on July 12, 2016. The meeting convened at 6:00 p.m. with Ms. Mason presiding.

Members in attendance: Judy Mason, Keith Craft, David Gengozian, Syd Ball and staff representative Sherith Colverson.

Members not in attendance: Susan Donnelly

Visitors/Others: See attached Visitor Attendance Record

Approval of minutes: Mr. Ball made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held July 12, 2016. Mr. Craft seconded the motion. Ms. Mason abstained as she was not present during the July meeting. Motion was unanimously approved.

The following case was reviewed: **Case No. 16-09** – First United Methodist Church, 1350 Oak Ridge Turnpike, in an R-2 zoning district, requested a special exception to all for the installation of a moving copy sign.

Staff provided an overview of the case and read through the newly created criteria for the BZA to consider when allowing for a moving copy sign for religious institutions in residential districts. Ms. Carolyn Henderson spoke to the board and stated that she has been working with the City since the fall of 2015 to try and get more messages out to the community through moving copy signage. She stated that the purpose in having the sign was so that the First United Methodist Church can better communicate with the community about their various programs.

Mr. Ball asked if the sign will be a moving scroll or a static message. Ms. Colverson responded that the sign message is static – then changes after a few seconds. One message at a time. Ms. Mason stated she envisions it as similar to the high school's signage. Mr. Craft asked whether the lighting at the top will be LED. Ms. Colverson stated that yes, the sign application states that the interior lighting of the sign will be LED. Ms. Mason described how the process of the church sign requests will work going forward.

Mr. Craft moved to allow for the special exception and was seconded by Mr. Ball. Motion was unanimously approved.

New Business: Ms. Colverson stated that the upcoming TAPA/TSITE Conference was the following week. Ms. Colverson suggested that if the members were interested in attending they needed to let her know ASAP. Mr. Craft stated that he would probably come on the Friday, September 23rd.

Old Business: None

Adjournment: Mr. Craft moved to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Mr. Ball. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 6:24 p.m.


BZA Secretary

10/11/16
Date of Approval