MINUTES FOR MINSTER ZONING BOARD OF APPEAL

7:00 PM 05/12/15

I. Zoning Board Present (P) or Absent (A):

Steve Bruns	A	Brad Garmann, Pres	P
Ned Sielschott	P	Linda Kitzmiller, Vice Pres	A
Jean Hinker	P	James Hearn, Solicitor	P
Don Harrod ZA	P		

Also Present:
Dennis Kitzmiller
Allan Basket

II. Public meeting called to order by President Garmann at 7:04 pm
One item was discussed in the public meeting:

- A variance request by the Auglaize/Mercer Counties Family YMCA to erect an animated off-premise ground sign within the right-of-way of State Route 66. Allan Baskett from the YMCA explained that the proposed sign would be approximately 24'and 9" inside the right-of-way of State Route 66. Baskett explained that the YMCA has received donations to erect a road side sign but the YMCA feels that putting the sign on the YMCA property will not get the exposure that the YMCA would like to get with the sign. He stated the new sign would be set back farther to the east then their current temporary sign along State Route 66 and Wuebker Road. The proposed location is desired to attract those traveling down State Route 66. He also stated that Crown was aware of the proposed location of the sign and did not have a problem with the location. J. Hinker inquired about the ability to change messages on the sign. Baskett explained that the messages will be able to be changed but the message would be constant and would not scroll, flash or be animated. Hinker also asked about the size of the sign compared to the temporary sign the YMCA currently has. Baskett explained that the current sign is actually a little larger than the proposed sign. B. Garmann expressed his concern about the animation of the sign, but was happy that the sign would not scroll or flash. N. Sielschott stated that the board has been adamant and protective of signage along State Route 66in the past and he was concerned about setting a precedent because this would be the first LED sign and the first sign in the right-of-way. He was concerned that others including businesses along State Route 66 would want to locate signs within the right-of-way. B. Garmann states that New Bremen already has several signs that are LED and that the wide right-of-way in the area makes this a unique situation. If the right-of-way was a normal right-of-way the sign would be permitted to be closer to the street then what is proposed. He also stated that he considered the YMCA as a quasi-public entity and that this differentiates the YMCA from a business. J. Hinker added that the area was zoned commercial and there were a limited number of residences in the area. J. Hinker also added that she was glad that Crown was in favor of the proposed sign location.

III. President Garmann called the regular meeting to order at 7:11pm.

IV. The minutes from the April 10, 2015 meeting were read. The minutes were approved on a motion by J. Hinker and B. Garmann. Two members voted in favor with Sielschott abstaining.

V. New Business:

1) A variance request by the Auglaize/Mercer Counties Family YMCA to erect an animated off-premise ground sign within the right-of-way of State Route 66. The proposed sign would be approximately 24'and 9" inside the right-of-way of State Route 66. According to the Zoning code no off premise ground sign should be located in front of the required setback line and the use of animated signs are prohibited. B. Garmann explained that the sign location was in a unique situation with the wide right-

of-way and that the sign was attractive and served a need. Being no further discussion, a motion was made by J. Hinker and seconded by B. Garmann to approve the request. Garmann and Hinker voted in favor of the motion with Sielschott voting against.

VI. Old Business

1) Harrod stated that there were some new trailers parked in front of the building setback lines that will be receiving letters.

2) It was also noted that the area around the Dannon's corporate building was cleaned up.

VII. Comments:

There were no comments.

VIII. Adjournment

1) N. Sielschott moved and J. Hinker seconded a motion to adjourn at 7:27 pm. Motion passed.