

CITY OF OLNEY
BOARD OF APPEALS
JANUARY 6, 2020

AGENDA #1 “CALL TO ORDER” The January 6, 2020, meeting of the Board of Appeals was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Olney City Hall, 300 S. Whittle Avenue, Olney, Illinois, with Tony Zuber presiding.

AGENDA #2 “ROLL CALL” The following Board of Appeals members were present: Scott Jones, Tony Zuber, Barb Roberts, and David Abell. Kurt Ginder and Pat Everette were absent. Also present were Code Enforcement Officer Dallas Colwell, and City Clerk Kelsie Sterchi.

AGENDA #3 “APPROVE MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING ON AUGUST 5, 2019” Mr. Zuber noted that in the drafted minutes, the title listed as “VARIANCE: 621 N. FAIR STREET” should read, “VARIANCE: 2209 BIRCH DRIVE.” With that change, Mr. Abell moved to approve the minutes from August 5, 2019, seconded by Mr. Jones. Mr. Jones, Mr. Zuber, Mrs. Roberts, and Mr. Abell voted yes. There were no opposing votes. The motion carried.

AGENDA #4 “SWEARING IN” Mr. Zuber asked that anyone wishing to testify on behalf of the item being discussed to stand and be sworn in. City Clerk Sterchi asked the individual to stand, raise his right hand, and “swear to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth so help me God.” Alex Fuller was sworn in.

AGENDA #5 “VARIANCE: VACANT LAND WITH TAX ID 11-10-101-014” Alex Fuller/Love’s Travel Stop & Country Store (Love’s) submitted a Request for Variance for vacant land with Property Index Number 11-10-101-014. Mr. Fuller was requesting a sign variance in the permitted area of sign graphics to allow 526.25 square feet rather than the 300 square feet, and in the maximum height to allow 50 feet rather than the 40 feet required in Title 15 (Buildings and Construction) of the City of Olney Municipal Code. If the variance is approved, it would allow the petitioner place an appropriate sign for Love’s Travel Stop & Country Store.

Mr. Abell wondered if the proposed signage was standard for Love’s or if different locations warranted different sizing scales. Mr. Fuller replied that the proposed signage for the Olney location was one of their smaller designs. Each location may have a different set of signage needs. Mr. Fuller indicated that Love’s would be following the U.S. sign code. Love’s desired at least .3 mile sign visibility in both directions. The proposed signage would give .4 mile sign visibility heading north, and .3 mile visibility heading south.

Mrs. Roberts moved to approve the sign variance request for a permitted area of sign graphics to allow 526.25 square feet rather than the 300 square feet, and in the maximum height to allow 50 feet rather than 40 feet at vacant land with Property Index Number 11-10-101-014 for the purpose of placing an appropriate sign for Love’s Travel Stop & Country Store, seconded by Mr. Jones. Mr. Jones, Mr. Zuber, Mrs. Roberts, and Mr. Abell voted yes. There were no opposing votes. The motion carried.

AGENDA #6 “PUBLIC COMMENTS/PRESENTATIONS” No one from the public wished to speak.

AGENDA #7 “ADJOURN” Mr. Jones moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Abell. Mr. Jones, Mr. Zuber, Mrs. Roberts, and Mr. Abell voted yes. There were no opposing votes. The motion carried.

The meeting of the Board of Appeals adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Kelsie J. Sterchi
City Clerk