

HARRISON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
FEBRUARY 20, 2008 – APPROVED AS CORRECTED

The Harrison Township Board of Zoning Appeals met this date to conduct a public hearing to consider an application submitted by Ned Hodkinson seeking a variance of eighteen (18) sq. ft. for a sign to be located on the face of his insurance building at 111 Lois Lane, Pataskala, in Harrison Township.

Members present: Chairperson, Jo Cain, Scott Van Den Berg, Valerie Hans, Debbie Laughlin and Rory Utt.

Others present: Casey Casto, Zoning Inspector and Jeff and Barb Howard.

Meeting called to order at 6:40 p.m. by Chair, Jo Cain. Following Pledge of allegiance and introduction of Board the Court Recorder administered oath to all wishing to speak during this hearing and Secretary read application.

Mr. Casto stated he is disappointed applicant isn't here. Mr. Casto distributed copies of Article 19.4, Para.1, Signs Permitted in Districts – Permits Required Also read Para. 2, third sentence should state twenty (20) ft not thirty (30) ft; questioned if sign on face of building more pleasing to eye or permanently installed ground sign.

Valerie Hans stated: in my comment regarding the marquee signs my comment was that most strip stores have on-site marquee sign; the possibility of a marquee sign has no bearing on the BZA action that was being requested, not that the business would have a marquee sign.

Mr. Van Den Berg: said it was in the comments during discussion

Valerie Hans: It wasn't in my motion it was in comments during discussion

Mr. Casto stated he prefers larger sign on building proportionate to size of building.

Mr. Van Den Berg stated the request for size of sign is inappropriate.

Following discussion Valerie Hans made a motion to uphold the Zoning Officer's decision and keep the sign size at the 28.8 sq. ft. as allowed by the Harrison Township Zoning Code. Rory Utt seconded and vote resulted as follows:

Scott Van Den Berg	Yes
Valerie Hans	Yes
Rory Utt	Yes
Debbie Laughlin	Yes
Jo Cain	Yes

Motion carried.

Valerie Hans stated need to request to Trustees to having update of signs, Article 19 with all legal proceedings and to work with LCPC. Mr. Casto to follow up.

Valerie Hans made a motion to request that the Zoning Commission work with LCPC to update Section 19.4 and that the LCPC provide a recommendation back to the Harrison Township Zoning Commission regarding possible updates. Scott Van Den Berg seconded. No further discussion a vote resulted as follows:

Scott Van Den Berg	Yes
Valerie Hans	Yes
Rory Utt	Yes
Debbie Laughlin	Yes
Jo Cain	Yes

Motion carried.

Following discussion regarding failure to receive recent updates, copies were retrieved from mail boxes and Valerie Hans made a motion to request complete, full, current copies of the Harrison Township Zoning Code

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for each Board of Zoning Appeals Member. Mr. Van Den Berg seconded and a vote resulted as follows:

Scott Van Den Berg	Yes
Valerie Hans	Yes
Rory Utt	Yes
Debbie Laughlin	Yes
Jo Cain	Yes

Motion carried

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nettie Salmons, Secretary

Jo Cain, Chair

The proceedings of this hearing professionally recorded by Anderson Reporting Service.