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REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY OF OTTAWA ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

November 15, 2012

Mayor Robert Eschbach
City Council Members
City of Ottawa
Ottawa, IL. 61350

Gentlemen:

A meeting of the Ottawa Zoning Board of Appeals was held on Thursday November 15, 2012 at 7:10 pm in Council Chambers, Ottawa, IL. Members present were Charles Sheridan, Todd Volker, John Stone and Jim Conness.

Charles Sheridan chaired the meeting.

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the last meeting be approved.
Motion passed.

The chairman noted that the Zoning Board of Appeals only recommends to the city council, and recommended to any one appearing before this board to also attend the next city council meeting. The Chairman also read the five standards for variances to those appearing before the board.

Concerning the request for an appeal from the Zoning Ordinance for the following described properties:

I

Lots 9, 12, & 13 in the South half of Lot 8 in Block 23 in Champlain's Addition..., in the City of Ottawa, LaSalle County, Illinois, commonly know as 1511 Chestnut Street, owned by Jean Leranger, for the purpose of request for a variance from the Sign Ordinance.

The Chairmen asked if there was anyone present to speak on the ordinance.

Chanda Marti, appeared before the Board to request a variance from the Sign Ordinance. Mrs. Marti explained that the owner of the Paramount Skate Arena is replacing the existing message

board to a lighted electronic message board. The new board will not be a flashing sign. The existing electric and frame of the sign will remain. The new LED sign will be 48” by 96”, (4ft x 8ft), and will replace the existing old lighted letter panel sign.

Chairman asked if there was anyone present to oppose the appeal. No one appeared before the Board in opposition.

The Board members discussed the ordinance and the variance.
Zoning Ordinance: Sign Ordinance

It was moved by John Stone and seconded by Todd Volker that all the standards A thru E of Section 18 Part G number 3 were read and discussed by the board and the board recommends to the City Council to approve the request for the variance.
Motion Passed.

II

The East half of Sublot 3 in the Outlot 39 in the Assessor’s Subdivision, in the City of Ottawa, LaSalle County, Illinois, commonly know as 604 West Main Street, owned by Lawrence and Bonnie McGrogan, for the purpose of request for a variance from the Sign Ordinance.

The Chairmen asked if there was anyone present to speak on the ordinance.

Doug Beckman, representing Mr. and Mrs. McGrogan, appeared before the Board to request a variance from the Sign Ordinance. Mr. Beckman explained that the Handy Foods store is adding a message board to be mounted under the existing sign. The new sign is a LED sign to be 32” by 80” and is to be a electronic message center. The new sign will not flash.

Chairman asked if there was anyone present to oppose the appeal. No one appeared before the Board in opposition.

The Board members discussed the ordinance and the variance.
Zoning Ordinance: Sign Ordinance

It was moved by Todd Volker and seconded by John Stone that all the standards A thru E of Section 18 Part G number 3 were read and discussed by the board and the board recommends to the City Council to approve the request for the variance.
Motion Passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Conness
Recording Secretary
Zoning Board of Appeals