

**Minutes
Williamson County
Board of Zoning Appeals
6:00 P.M. November 16, 2017**

Members Present

David Ausbrooks, Chairman
Don Crohan, Vice-Chairman
Karen Emerson-McPeak, Secretary
Sue Workman
Andrew Ring

Staff Present

Lee Sanders
Linda Hodges
Brenda Midgett
Kristi Ransom, Attorney

The Williamson County Board of Zoning Appeals met in regular session on November 16, 2017 in the Auditorium of the Williamson County Administrative Complex. Chairman David Ausbrooks began the meeting by reading a public statement stating that the Board of Zoning Appeals is made up of five citizens nominated as Board members by the County Mayor and confirmed by the County Commission. One member is a Planning Commissioner, one member may be a County Commissioner and the remaining members are not otherwise connected with County Government. He went on to say the Board will hear from anyone who has anything to say to the Board relevant to the request at hand. However, the Board will not view or hear anything that does not have a direct bearing on the item or issue being heard. He requested that all comments be addressed to the Board.

Chairman Ausbrooks then asked the members to consider the minutes. Don Crohan made the motion to approve the minutes of the October 26, 2017 meeting, as presented, and Sue Workman seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

ITEM 1

A request by Mike Holmes, surveyor (Steve Cox, property owner) for a front setback variance at 3821 Mistico Lane. The property is zoned Rural Preservation 5 (RP-5) and is located in the 9th district.

Linda Hodges read the staff report and reviewed the background documentation (see agenda report). Lee Sanders pointed out the adjoining properties and showed the site plan using the overhead projector. He stated the applicant's lot has steep topography with retaining walls. Mr. Sanders stated Mistico Lane is not a county road, but a driveway on a private easement.

Mike Holmes and Jeff Kimbro of H & H Surveying represented the item. Mr. Holmes stated he had tried to correct the setback issue but the neighbor would not sign the plat. Therefore he was requesting approval for the variance from the Board.

Don Crohan stated the surveyor, not the property owner, is requesting the variance and stated he did not see a notarized Power of Attorney.

County Attorney Kristi Ransom reviewed the applicant's letter of authorization and noted that it is not notarized as required by the by-laws and therefore Mike Holmes cannot represent the item.

Chairman Ausbrooks stated the hearing cannot go forward without proper notarized authorization.

Don Crohan made a motion to defer the request until the next Board of Zoning Appeals meeting. Andrew Ring seconded the motion. Motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

ITEM 2

Other Business – Election of officers for 2018.

Sue Workman made a motion to re-elect the current Board of Zoning Appeals officers by acclamation. Andrew Ring seconded the motion. Motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Secretary's Signature

Date