

Minutes
Williamson County
Board of Zoning Appeals
6:00 P.M. March 28, 2019

Members Present

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

Staff Present

John Bledsoe, Codes Compliance Director
Brenda Midgett
Holly Scott, Codes Compliance Inspector
Kristi Ransom, Attorney

The Williamson County Board of Zoning Appeals met in regular session on March 28, 2019 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 asked the members to consider the minutes from the February 28, 2019 meeting. Andrew Ring made the motion to approve the minutes of the February 28, 2019 meeting, as presented and Secretary Karen Emerson-McPeak seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Chairman Ausbrooks announced to the Board that Vice-Chairman Don Crohan could not attend the meeting.

ITEM 1

A request by Cali Bolinger and Tommy Rhodes (James R. Cheshire, III, Trustee) for a Special Use permit for a temporary Special Event - Extensive Impact (Barefoot Republic Camp, held June 3 through June 7 and June 10 through June 14) at 1761 Lawrence Road. The property is zoned Rural Preservation 5 (RP-5) and is located in the 9th district.

Holly Scott read the staff report to the public. John Bledsoe stated the Item was deferred from last month. This will be the fifth year this event will be held. He stated that the Barefoot Republic Camp has an excellent track record for this event. Mr. Bledsoe asked the Board to review exhibit A in their package which shows ingress and egress on Lawrence Road and also exhibit B, which shows the 250 foot buffer. The event takes place in the center of the property.

Cali Bolinger represented the item. She stated to the Chairman that she had nothing else to add to the staff report.

Chairman Ausbrooks opened the Public Hearing. There being no one to speak, he then closed the public hearing and asked the Board to make any comments or ask any questions to the applicant.

Karen Emerson-McPeak asked if the applicants had tents set up during the event last year.

Ms. Bolinger stated yes, but it caused more heat so they will not have a large one this year. They haven't used a large tent in about three years. They set up the 10' X 10' tents themselves. She stated they have moved the campers that were under the tents to the woods for a more shaded area. She stated campers leave about 4:15 p.m. and the staff members leave around 5:30 p.m.

Chairman Ausbrooks asked Ms. Bolinger if they had any complaints from guests or neighbors during the last event.

Ms. Bolinger stated she hadn't regarding any complaints.

Andrew Ring made a motion to approve the event with a start time of 8:00 a.m. stating it met the requirements Special Use Section 11.05 (D) (7) and Section 5.01 (E). Karen Emerson-McPeak seconded the motion. Motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

With no other business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Secretary's Signature

Date