

Minutes
Williamson County
Board of Zoning Appeals
6:00 P.M. October 24, 2019

Members Present

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

Staff Present

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

The Williamson County Board of Zoning Appeals met in regular session on October 24, 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 July 25, 2019 meeting. Vice-Chairman Don Crohan made the motion to approve the minutes of the July 25, 2019 meeting as presented and Sue Workman seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Chairman Ausbrooks asked the members to consider the minutes from the September 26, 2019 meeting. Vice-Chairman Don Crohan made the motion to approve the minutes of the September 26, 2019 meeting as presented and Andrew Ring seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

ITEM 1

A request by Mike & Jackie Freeman for a Special Use permit for a temporary Special Event - Extensive Impact (2020 Tennessee Renaissance Festival) at 2124 New Castle Road. The property is zoned Rural Development 5 (RD-5) for Map 112, Parcel 006.01 and is located in the 5th district.

Holly Scott read the staff report to the public. John Bledsoe displayed the aerial photos of the adjoining properties owners and the site on the overhead screen for the Board members and the public to view. He stated this is the 35th year for the festival. The property is bordered by I-840, New Castle Road and Murfreesboro Road. He pointed out the different parking areas and the event location. Mr. Bledsoe stated the medical and security staff are located in the middle of the festival area.

Mike and Jackie Freeman represented the item. Ms. Freeman stated that she felt good about the festival but last year there was a lot of rain and humidity. She stated there were only two medical transports; one person had a heart attack and the other person had a seizure. Ms. Freeman stated a lot of guests became overheated and dehydrated. Some of those treated chose to leave the event and

some chose to stay at the event. She stated free water and ice bags were provided for guests that requested them

on the really hot days. Mr. Freeman stated the attendance last year was down about two thousand guests due to the weather. Ms. Freeman stated six school groups attended the event and were given school rates. The first weekend is Family Community Weekend. She stated they gave out over 8,500 tickets for special groups.

Chairman Ausbrooks opened the hearing to the public. There being no one to speak, he then closed the public hearing. Chairman Ausbrooks then asked the Board members if they had any questions or statements to add.

Vice-Chairman Crohan made a motion to approve the request stating it met the requirements of Sections 5.01, 11.05 (D) (7) and 16.02 and 11.05 (D) (7) (d) (i) (C) of the Zoning Ordinance. He also stated the applicants do a great job every year. Andrew Ring 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