

Minutes
Williamson County
Board of Zoning Appeals
6:00 P.M. April 22, 2021

Members Present

Chairman David Ausbrooks
Vice-Chairman Don Crohan
Secretary Karen-Emerson McPeak
Sue Workman
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 meeting was conducted during an electronically held session on April 22, 2021. Chairman David Ausbrooks called the meeting to order and conducted roll call to establish a quorum. He then advised that a motion is required declaring the electronic meeting was necessary due to the Covid 19 virus. Vice-Chairman Don Crohan made a motion that due to Covid 19 it is a necessity that the Board meet electronically. Sue Workman seconded the motion. Motion was approved by unanimous roll call vote.

Chairman David Ausbrooks read 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 March 25, 2021 meeting. Sue Workman made the motion to approve the minutes of the March 25, 2021 meeting as presented and Andrew Ring seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by unanimous roll call vote.

Chairman Ausbrooks announced that Item 2 on the agenda had been withdrawn at the request of the applicant.

ITEM 1

A request by Cali Bolinger and Kelley Johnson (James R. Cheshire, III, Trustee) for a Special Use permit for a temporary Special Event - Extensive Impact (Barefoot Republic Camp, held June 7-11 and June 14-18) at 1761 Lawrence Road (Map 025 Parcel 013.00). The property is zoned Rural Preservation-5 (RP-5) and is located in the 9th district.

Holly Scott read the staff report. Codes Compliance Director John Bledsoe displayed a site plan showing the location of the event and where all the activities will take place including new hand washing stations. Bledsoe referenced Exhibit E the applicant had provided for best management practices to ensure safety of the participants and to limit the spread of Covid-19.

Kelly Johnson and Cali Bolinger represented the request. Ms. Johnson stated they were able to successfully run a camp at their Kentucky location camp safely outdoors with a small number of attendees.

She stated they learned how to keep guests safely distanced and that 99% of the activities will be held outdoors for the requested upcoming event.

Chairman Ausbrooks opened the public hearing for anyone wishing to speak on the item. He asked if there was anyone online for the public hearing.

Hearing no one from the public wishing to speak, Chairman Ausbrooks closed the public hearing.

Chairman Ausbrooks had one concern with the application stating a security guard is not required at this event. Chairman Ausbrooks stated all events are required to have a security guard and the camp should appoint someone as point person for security.

Vice-Chairman Don Crohan asked for clarification of the staff report stating the event will not need any lighting because it is only being held in the daylight hours, but also showing hours from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Ms. Johnson stated the event will be from 8:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on the two Friday's when they have youth productions. The camp will normally run from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Mr. Bledsoe clarified that lighting will not be necessary since the camps will end at 7:30 p.m.. The Zoning Ordinance states events are limited to the hours of 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. but the Board may approve activities to begin at an earlier time.

Vice-Chairman Don Crohan stated there would have to be a motion for the applicants to start the camp early.

Chairman Ausbrooks stated that is correct.

Vice-Chairman Don Crohan asked for clarification that the staff report states the applicant plans on having 168 parking spaces but the parking requirement is only 107 spaces.

Ms. Johnson stated they plan on having more parking spaces than they could possibly need. They have four different places they could park vehicles. These areas are marked on the site map and they do not anticipate filling all of the parking spaces.

Vice-Chairman Don Crohan made a motion to approve the request stating the application meets the standards of Sections 5.01 E, 11.05 (D) (7) and 16.02 and also having the approval of starting at 8:00 a.m. in the morning each day. Sue Workman seconded the motion. Motion was approved by unanimous roll call vote.

A short discussion was held concerning scheduling future training.

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

Secretary's Signature

Date