

MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE OF SPARTA ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Monday, June 2, 2014, 5 PM

Village Hall West, Sparta, Michigan

Present: Planning Commissioner William Hayes, Village Councilman Robert Whalen,  
Board Members Paul Homrich and Gale Taylor

Also present: Interim Village Manager Sharon DeLange

Absent: Chairman Robert Liscombe

1) / 2) Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance: The meeting was called to order at 5 PM by Acting Chairman Whalen followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

3) Roll Call: Formal roll call was taken. Members present and absent are noted above.

4) Minutes

A. Accept the ZBA Minutes of May 8, 2014: Motion by Hayes, second by Taylor, to accept the Minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

5) Additions or Corrections to the Agenda: Motion by Taylor, second by Hayes, to approve the Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

6) Public Comment for Agenda Items: Manager DeLange clarified that the variance request is for a 35 square-foot sign, varying from the limited 25 square-foot allowance.

Msgr. Terrence Stewart, of Holy Family Catholic Church in Sparta, stated wind damaged the current sign, doors and letters. Petitioner wants a more modern sign: digital, computerized. The new sign is using the same base, and the screen size is a little bigger.

7) Communications

A. ZBA Application for 425 S. State St.

8) Public Hearing

A. SEE ATTACHED PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Public Hearing opened at 5:06 PM.

Julie Couturier of Valley City Sign explained that the new sign is 10 square feet bigger; will sit on a concrete slab; and the message can be safely, quickly and more easily read. It will have a taller cabinet but will not be bigger than the current structure. There will be no flashing and blinking, as it is not allowed; they are only asking for the size variance.

Public Hearing closed at 5:14 PM.

9. Unfinished Business

A. None

10. New Business

A. Board Action on 4253 S. State St.: Motion by Hayes, second by Homrich, to grant the variance request because of the unique situation. Motion carried 3 to 1.

11. Announcements: None.

12. Public Comment: Msgr. Stewart and Julie Couturier thanked the Board.

13. Adjournment: Motion by Hayes, second by Taylor, to adjourn the meeting at 5:20 PM. Motion carried. The next meeting of the Village of Sparta Zoning Board of Appeals will be scheduled at a later date.

Respectfully submitted,

—Toni Potes  
Recording Secretary