

PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

REGULAR MEETING

May 10, 2016

MINUTES

VIRGINIA: The Pittsylvania County Board of Zoning Appeals met on Tuesday, May 10, 2016, in the General District Courtroom, Edwin R. Shields Courthouse Addition, Chatham, Virginia. Mr. Talbott called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00 p.m. The Board observed a moment of silence. Mr. Shelton called the roll.

PRESENT

Kenneth Talbott
Helen Glass
Joseph "Jay" Craddock
R. Allan Easley
Carroll Yeaman
Leon Griffith
Odie H. Shelton, Jr.

ABSENT

Ronald Merricks

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

By motion of Mr. Easley, seconded by Ms. Glass, and by unanimous vote, the Minutes of the April 12, 2016, meeting were approved as presented.

Old Business

Mr. Shelton and the Board discussed two issues related to Zack Turner and the Haunted Trail that had been approved for a Special Use permit at the March 2016 meeting. Mr. Shelton stated Mr. Turner would like to construct a 12 x 20 concession stand and a 12 x 24 gift shop. The Board stated they had no problem with these buildings, temporary structures, if they were not on **permanent foundations**. The second topic was the days of operation. The Board stated that the facility could operate for **four week-ends, Friday, Saturday and Sunday** in October. It was stated the facility could be open four week-ends, even into November, if a make-up date for rain was needed.

New Business

Mr. Shelton reported on the case for the June, 2016 cycle.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

There was no Chairman's report.

THE ZONING PRECEPTS WERE READ BY Mr. Talbott to **OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING** at approximately 7:10 p.m.

Case S-2, White Oak Grove Baptist Church, S-16-004 – Mr. Talbott opened the public hearing at approximately 7:11 p.m. Mr. Shelton, Director of Code Compliance/Zoning Administrator, reported White Oak Grove Baptist Church had petitioned for a Special Use Permit on 2.19 acres, located on State Road 718/Dry Fork Road, in the Tunstall Election District, to allow for three (3) classrooms located in the basement of the church to be used by students from the White Oak Grove Outreach Center. Mr. Shelton stated the Planning Commission, with no opposition, recommended that this case be **continued** next month to allow the Fire Marshal to inspect the site and ensure that all fire code violations have been repaired and were in compliance with the Fire Code. Mr. Shelton stated all fire code violations had been corrected. The applicant, Rev. Edward Pope, was not present to represent the petition. The Chairman closed the public hearing at approximately 7:13 p.m. The Board discussed the petition as the Committee of the Whole. It was stated that the Board wished the applicant had been present to answer questions. It was discussed that these rooms would probably be used full time and that there were approximately 60 students at the school. It was further discussed that this school was formerly the Woodlawn Academy. During the discussion it was stated this was a good school, a good church and a good organization. It was further stated this school was doing well and growing. Upon motion of Mr. Yeaman, seconded by Mr. Easley, the following motion was adopted: **Whereas**, White Oak Grove Baptist Church has petitioned the Board of Zoning Appeals for a Special Use Permit to allow for three (3) classrooms located in the basement of the church to be used by students from the White Oak Grove Outreach Center **and, Whereas**, we find no substantial detriment to adjacent property, that the character of the zoning district will not be changed thereby, and that such use will be in harmony with the purpose and intent of the Ordinance, I move the Special Use Permit be **granted**. Motion passed unanimously.

This concludes the Special Use Case.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:21 p.m.

Kenneth Talbott, Chairman

Hannah R. Orgain, Clerk