

TOWN OF JAMES ISLAND
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
SUMMARY OF SEPTEMBER 15, 2015

Members Present: Mr. Jason Gregorie, Mrs. Brook Lyon, Mr. Roy Smith, and Chairman Sim Parrish, who presided. Absent: Mr. Jim Fralix. Also Present: Kristen Crane, Planning Director, Councilman Leonard Blank, Ashley Kellahan, Town Administrator, and Frances Simmons, Town Clerk and Secretary to the BZA.

Call to Order: Chairman Parrish called the meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals to order at 7:00 p.m.

Prayer and Pledge: Chairman Parrish led the prayer and followed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Compliance with the Freedom of Information Act: Chairman Parrish announced that this meeting has been noticed in compliance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act. Persons, organizations, and the news media that have requested declaration of this meeting have been notified.

Introductions: Chairman Parrish introduced the members of the Board of Zoning Appeals, Town Council and staff.

Review Summary and Rulings from the July 21, 2015 BZA Meeting:

BZAS-6-15-005

452-02-00-167

819 Folly Road

Special Exception request for the placement of an Oil Change Facility in the Community Commercial (CC) District and the Folly Road Corridor Overlay (FRC-O) Zoning District.

Approved with Conditions

A motion to approve the meeting minutes of July 21, 2015 was made by Mrs. Lyon, seconded by Chairman Parrish and it carried.

Mr. Gregorie asked the status of approving the April 21, 2015 Board of Zoning Appeals minutes. Chairman Parrish indicated only two members present at the April meeting were at the July meeting. Town Attorney, Bo Wilson, was not present to be asked if the two members constituted a quorum. Mrs. Crane stated that the approval of those minutes will be placed on the October BZA agenda. As this was not resolved, Chairman Parrish asked for a motion once again to table the approval to the next meeting. The motion to table was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Gregorie and it carried.

Discussion and Vote of Amendment to Board of Zoning Appeals Bylaws to Provide Stipend for Members: Chairman Parrish introduced the agenda item and asked Mrs. Crane, Planning Director to give an overview. Mrs. Crane reported that the budget approved by Town Council in June and effective July 1st includes a stipend for BZA members for meetings and workshops that they attend. The proposed amendment reads as follows:

Article I, Organization, Section 8. Stipend:

Board of Zoning Appeals members shall receive a stipend of \$50.00 for each monthly meeting they attend. Work sessions will be considered a meeting. Stipends will not be given for cancelled meetings.

Mrs. Crane added that the stipend serve to compensate members of the Board for their time, research and trainings that they attend.

Chairman Parrish asked for a motion and second for the purpose of discussion. Mrs. Lyon moved and Mr. Gregorie seconded.

Mr. Gregorie asked if the stipend was standard for municipalities to do. Mrs. Kellahan responded that some municipalities provide stipends and some do not. Councilman Blank noted that the past two Towns provided stipends to Planning Commissioners and Board of Zoning Appeals members, that offering members a stipend was not something new to the Town.

Mrs. Lyon stated for the record that it is very generous of the Town Council to provide stipends. Obviously that is not why we serve. This is something she did not expect and does not believe the other members expected it either. She indicated that it is an honor to serve. She noted that the past two Towns did offer a stipend to BZA and Planning Commissioners; that it is nothing new. And is now being instituted by the current Town. She will continue to serve diligently on the BZA. The motion passed unanimously.

Additional Business:

Chairman Parrish announced that Friday is the deadline to receive applications for the October BZA meeting. As of now, no applications have been received.

Mrs. Crane reminded the BZA that she sent them information on the SCAPA (SC American Planning Association) Fall Conference to be held this year on the USS Yorktown, October 14-16. She asked members to let her know if they would like to attend.

Mr. Gregorie asked Mrs. Crane if the BZA packets will now be sent to them electronically. Mrs. Crane said that she would send them electronically whenever possible. She noted that sometimes oversized documents (plats) are difficult to scan.

Chairman Parrish asked for a motion. The motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Lyon and the meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Frances Simmons
Town Clerk and Secretary to the BZA