

1. CALL TO ORDER.

Chairperson Kent called the regular monthly meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL.

Members Present: Kent, Gibson, Roth, Lorenz, Sunderman

Members Absent:

Staff Present: Billings

3. MINUTES.

Zoning Board of Adjustment – August 18, 2015

Motion by Roth seconded by Sunderman to approve the August 18, 2015 minutes as presented.

All “ayes” motion carried.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR.

- a. Motion to receive and file all correspondence from applicants and staff reports regarding variance requests on the September 15, 2015 Marion Zoning Board of Adjustment agenda.

Motion by Gibson, seconded by Roth to receive and file all correspondence from applicants and staff reports regarding variance requests on the September 15, 2015 Marion Zoning Board of Adjustment agenda.

All ‘Ayes’, motion passed.

5. APPEALS.

- a. Springfield Sign and Neon, applicant, on the behalf of Culver’s – 1375 Red Fox Way, Marion, Iowa – Requesting a variance from Section 176.31-9.C.(5) of the Marion Code of Ordinances

to allow one (1) more wall sign than there are entrances in the C-3, General Commercial zoning district.

ZBA Resolution No. 15-10 approving the variance request.

ZBA Resolution No. 15-10 denying the variance request.

Billings presented the staff report and gave a brief history on the property and the amendment to the Sign Code.

Gibson asked why the code limited wall signs to one per entrance. Billings replied that it was an effort to clean up and reduce clutter on business walls.

Sunderman asked for clarification that the wall signs do not need to be directly above an entrance, but could be shifted around to desired walls.

Jake Kendall, partial owner of Culver's restaurant, of 3030 Covey Run Court addressed the Board in favor of the request. He explained that if there would have been a restriction on the number of wall signs allowed when the building was built he would have oriented the building differently. He went on to explain that the reason for replacing the signs was to create a nicer image while increasing the energy efficiency of the signs.

Motion by Gibson, seconded by Roth to approve ZBA Resolution No. 15-10 approving the variance from Section 176.31-9.C.(5) of the Marion Code of Ordinances to allow one (1) more wall sign than there are entrances in the C-3, General Commercial zoning district based on the owners presentation of a significant hardship.

Roll Call:

Sunderman - Yes

Lorenz - Yes

Gibson - Yes

Roth- Yes

Kent- Yes

## 6. OTHER BUSINESS.

- a. Amending the Zoning Board of Adjustment by-laws. (Tabled 8.18.15)

ZBA Resolution No. 15-09 approving the amendment.

ZBA Resolution No. 15-09 denying the amendment.

Billings requested that the item be left on the table until the October meeting.

Item was not removed from the table.

7. ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further items before the board the meeting was adjourned at 7:18PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Gordon Gibson, Secretary