

Minutes



Board of Adjustment

August 21, 2013 AT 5:30 P.M.

In attendance were the following board members:

Herb Stewart
Larry Rusch
Mike Treharne
Dallas Heikens

Absent was Pam Wingert

Also in attendance were Mayor John Engel, Councilman Gary Taber, Dick Packebush from United Community Bank, Brent Jacobsen from Midwest Cabinet Creations, Ken Fiala from Cap'n Ken's, Marcy Wittrock, and the applicant Chris Danielson.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Call meeting to order** -- Acting Chairperson Herb Stewart called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. The pledge of allegiance was said.

2. **Public Hearing...**

... for a Special Exception for **signage in excess of 150 ft²** located at the property generally known as Great Lakes Countertops addressed as 111 Market Street, Lake Park Ia. The property is legally described as LOT 12 EXC TRTS ON N'LY SIDE AND ALL OF LOTS 13 & 14 BLK E PLAT BY SHIMER, owned American Homeworks Incorporated.

Wagoner gave the staff report which is available on file in the Zoning Office at City Hall. He explained that the building would normally be limited to 134 ft² of signage, and that the applicant has about 350 feet of proposed signage. Wagoner stated that he believes the large south facing wall of the building constitutes a unique situation and that he has no issues with the current mural sign, but has some reservations about the words proposed next to the sign.

Wagoner mentioned he got calls from Terry Sheeler and Grant Gunderson, who both issued no objection to the request.

Wagoner concluded by informing the Board of Adjustment that the Planning Commission had met moments earlier, and their recommendation to the Board of Adjustment was to approve all proposed signage and that their motion carried 5-0.

Stewart opened up the floor for public comment.

Brent Jacobsen, competitor to the applicant, indicated that he was not the one that alerted the City to the code violation.

Ken Fiala had no objection to the request.

Dick Packebush had no objection to the request.

Gary Taber indicated that he thought the existing signage and the proposed signage to the front of the building was tasteful, but he wasn't sure about the additional wordage next to the mural sign. He thought it was a bit much and would clutter up the wall.

It was moved by Heikens, seconded by Treharne to legalize all existing and proposed signage as presented to the Board which encompasses the existing mural, signage for the front of the building, and additional verbage next to the mural. Any additional signage would have to be brought back before the Board.

Motion carried 3-1, with Rusch in dissent.

In his dissent, Rusch stated concerns about clutter, and that the additional wordage would be no different than Cap'n Ken's putting his entire menu on the side of the building.

Administrator's Report

There was none.

Any other business to come before the Board.

There was none.

Acting Chairperson Stewart, hearing no objection, declared the meeting adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Wade R. Wagoner, AICP LEED GA
Zoning Administrator