JIM THORPE BOROUGH ZONING HEARING BOARD MEETING MINUTES

July 12, 2021 Jim Thorpe Memorial Hall

Call to Order

Time: _____6:14pm_____

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call of Board Members and Officials

	Present Y/N
James Igoe, Secretary	__Yes_____
Kurt Jackson, Member	__Yes_____
Roxanne Long, Chairperson	__Yes_____
Eli Skrimcovsky, Vice-Chairperson	__No_____
George Stoffa, Member	__Yes_____
Michael Huber, Alternate Member	__Yes_____
Andrew Roberts, Alternate Member	__Yes_____

Attorney Kim Roberti and Zoning Officer Maureen Minnick were present to answer questions but had no voting capabilities

Approval of Minutes and Agenda

1. Request approval of the minutes from the meeting held on February 4, 2021.
2. Request approval of the July 12, 2021 agenda.

Announcement of Executive Session

-Attorney Roberti announces the zoning hearing board will conduct an executive session. The executive session lasted approximately 15 minutes.
-The meeting resumed with board member Andrew Roberts asking Zoning Officer Minnick to discuss the application process including how an applicant receives approval or denial.
-Zoning Officer Minnick gave a general overview for all those in attendance.
-Mr. Roberts and Attorney Roberti explained to all applicants an issue pertaining to minimum lot sizes related to their Short Term Rentals(STRs).
-This area was an overlooked section of the application by Zoning Officer Minnick.
-Applicants Morten Kucey and Lynn Humphreys questioned lot sizes.
-Resident Dan Buriak spoke and explained to all that the lot size requirements are available and documented as part of the STR ordinance.
-Property owner Laura Young spoke and asked for more information and communication.
-Applicants Kevin Owens and Ed Humphreys ask for lot size differences.
-Board member Kurt Jackson explains the connection of lot sizes with respect to the STR ordinance including possible solutions.
-Attorney Roberti explains the process for the applicants to request a continuance. Each applicant would need to submit a written statement to Attorney Roberti prior to leaving the meeting.

-Board member Kurt Jackson makes a motion to grant continuances if requested. Board member George Stoffa seconded the motion and the motion unanimously passed.
-Attorney Roberti asked each applicant individually if they would request a continuance. All 4 applicants accepted the opportunity for a continuance and wrote a letter indicating their preference in writing.

First(1st) Hearing

Name: Morten Kucey
Property Address: 53 Race Street Jim Thorpe, PA 18229
Purpose: Variance requested to allow on street parking for Short Term Rental Unit(STR).

Questions/ Discussion: _requests a continuance._____
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Ruling by Zoning Hearing Board Members:

Yes: _____na___
No: ____na_____
Final Result: _submitted a letter to Attorney Roberti requesting a continuance._____

Second(2nd) Hearing

Name: Stephen Allen
Property Address: 111 Center Street Jim Thorpe, PA 18229
Purpose: Variance requested to allow on street parking for Short Term Rental Unit(STR).

Questions/ Discussion: requests a continuance._____
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Ruling by Zoning Hearing Board Members:

Yes: ___na_____
No: _____na____
Final Result: submitted a letter to Attorney Roberti requesting a continuance._____
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Third(3rd) Hearing

Name: Edward and Lynn Humphreys
Property Address: 115 Center Street Jim Thorpe, PA 18229
Purpose: Variance requested to allow on street parking for Short Term Rental Unit(STR).

Questions/ Discussion: requests a continuance._____
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Ruling by Zoning Hearing Board Members:

Yes: ___na_____
No: _____na____
Final Result: submitted a letter to Attorney Roberti requesting a continuance._____
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Fourth(4th) Hearing

Name: Kevin Owens
Property Address: 215 West Broadway Jim Thorpe, PA 18229
Purpose: Variance requested to allow on street parking and/or utilize the Jim Thorpe Municipal Parking Lot for off street parking for Short Term Rental Unit(STR).

Questions/ Discussion: requests a continuance._____
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Ruling by Zoning Hearing Board Members:

Yes: ____na_____
No: _____na____
Final Result: submitted a letter to Attorney Roberti requesting a continuance._____
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Adjourn

Motion by _____Roxanne Long_____, second by _____Kurt Jackson_____ to adjourn at __7:06_____PM

The vote to adjourn was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

James Igoe

Secretary, Jim Thorpe Zoning Hearing Board

July 18, 2021