JIM THORPE BOROUGH ZONING HEARING BOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 26, 2022 Jim Thorpe Memorial Hall

Call to Order

Time: _____6:30 pm_____

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, Zoning Officer Matt Helbers, and Attorney James Nanovic (Jim Thorpe Borough Solicitor) were present to answer questions with Attorney Roberti directing the meeting. Attorney Roberti, Zoning Officer Helbers, and Attorney Nanovic had no voting capabilities
Also of note is that Board Member Andrew Roberts will have voting capabilities in his role as an Alternate

Approval of Minutes and Agenda

1. Request approval of the minutes from the meeting held on February 23, 2022. Mr. Jackson makes the motion to approve the minutes. This was seconded by Mr. Roberts. Vote passes unanimously.
2. Request approval of the May 26, 2022 agenda. Vote passes unanimously.

First (1st) Hearing-

Name: Ms. Laura Young
Property Address: 29 West Broadway Jim Thorpe, PA 18229
Purpose: The applicant is seeking a variance to the maximum distance for off-street parking requirements for Short Term Rentals (STR). The property is located in the R-4 Zoning District.

Questions/Discussion:_ Ms. Young was in attendance and spoke on her behalf. Attorney Roberti read exhibits that were accepted as artifacts to the record. Ms. Young spoke about her property as part of her testimony. Ms. Young has owned the residence since 2018. In July 2019, Ms. Young began her Short-Term Rental (STR). Ms. Young presented a signed parking agreement as additional information. The parking agreement is to rent 5 spots in a parking lot located .4 miles away. Ms. Young only will use

4 of the 5 parking spots. The estimated occupancy rate of the STR is 40%. Ms. Young receives no complaints from neighbors. She explained that she has no way to create parking. Attorney Nanovic asked if Ms. Young intended to use the property as an STR when she purchased the property. Ms. Young stated no. ATT. Nanovic speaks on behalf of borough council and indicates that council has an issue granting the variance. Jim Thorpe Borough Council is against this issue because the parking distance from the STR to the parking lot is too great. Mr. Roberts asks Attorney Nanovic for a clarification. Attorney Nanovic provides little clarification and only indicates the borough's position on parking. A short time later Mr. Roberts makes a motion to accept/approve the variance as listed. Mr. Huber seconds the motion. All board members vote to approve. A roll call of votes was taken. See below:

Ruling by Zoning Hearing Board Members:

Yes: ____6__Voting yes: Mr. Igoe, Mr. Jackson, Mrs. Long, Mr. Stoffa, Mr. Huber and Mr. Roberts____
No: _____0_____
Final Result: ____Variance granted_____

*****Prior to adjournment, Mr. Roberts asked for an executive session. Mr. Huber seconded the motion. The executive session began at 6:48pm. The executive session ended at 7:10pm. Mr. Jackson made a motion to amend the meeting agenda by adding the potential to select and vote on a new Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor. Mr. Roberts seconded the motion. The motion past unanimously. Mr. Jackson next made a motion to hire Attorney Matthew Snell to be the Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor to replace Attorney Roberti. Mr. Stoffa seconded the motion. The motion past. A roll call of votes was taken. See below:**

Voting yes: Mr. Igoe, Mr. Jackson, Mrs. Long, and Mr. Stoffa. Voting no: Mr. Roberts. ***

Adjourn

Motion by _____Mr. Stoffa_____, second by _____Mr. Jackson_____ to adjourn at ___7:17____PM.