



CITY OF GROVETOWN

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Minutes from Zoning Board of Appeals Thursday, July 7, 2016

1. Those present included:
 - a. Board Members
 - i. Vern Cargill, Chairman
 - ii. Herman Ross
 - iii. Virgil Hughes
 - iv. Johnathon Fisher
 - v. Laverne Gaskins
 - b. City of Grovetown Staff: John Waller, City Planner / Code Enforcement Officer
 - c. Representative for Ms Deena Youngblood, business owner filing request for the Special Use Variance: Ms Barbara Stehly, a colleague of Ms Youngblood's at Learning, Laughter, and Love, a child care learning center in Grovetown
2. At 6:37 p.m. the Board Chairman, Mr Vern Cargill, called the meeting to order, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation. The meeting began a few minutes late as Ms Youngblood was not present at the scheduled meeting time of 6:30 p.m. Her representative, Ms Stehly, arrived at approximately 6:35 p.m.
3. Following the invocation Chairman Cargill asked the board members if they had any questions on the conditional use variance or the recommended conditions to be met therein.
4. There being no questions Chairman Cargill asked Mr Waller to read the conditions, which he did.

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5. Ms Gaskins asked Ms Stehly if she was prepared to meet the conditions as outlined in the special use variance, and was she authorized to speak on behalf of Ms Youngblood. Ms Stehly was unsure as to how to respond.
6. Chairman Cargill explained the requirement to meet the conditions outlined in this special use variance only applied if Ms Youngblood wished to move forward with this business in this location. Ms Youngblood was under no obligation to proceed with this project if she considered the conditions in the special use variance insurmountable.
7. Ms Stehly stated that she knew Ms Youngblood was anxious to move forward with the project and agreed to the conditions, as stipulated.
8. Chairman Cargill reminded Ms Stehly that the maximum occupancy for the structure would be determined by the fire marshal, and as listed in the conditions of the special use variance Ms Youngblood would be required to adhere to the established maximum occupancy.
9. Chairman Cargill then asked for a board member to make a motion for additional questions or comments on this special use variance. Ms Gaskins made the motion with Mr Hughes seconding the motion. No one opposed the motion, with all members approving the motion.
10. Chairman Cargill requested a motion to vote on the special use variance. Ms Gaskins made the motion and Mr Fisher seconded. Mr Cargill asked for a roll call vote and Mr Fisher, Ms Gaskins, Mr Cargill, Mr Hughes and Mr Moore voted unanimously, in turn, to approve the special use variance with the stipulated ten conditions.
11. Following the vote Chairman Cargill asked if there was any more business for the board. Mr Waller announced the departure of Mr Neal as the Director of Planning and Development. Chairman Cargill reminded the board members about the ongoing coordination with the Carl Vinson Institute at the University of Georgia to schedule training for zoning board of appeals and planning commission members later this year.
12. Chairman Cargill asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms Gaskins made the motion, Mr Fisher seconded, and all board members voted unanimously to approve.