

CITY OF BURTON
REGULAR ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING MINUTES
MAY 7, 2009, 6:00 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS
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Steve Welch called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Welch, Scott, Weatherford, Parker, Haskins, Bennett and Parker.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Grantner.

OTHERS PRESENT: T. Strasser, DPW Representative and M. Snow, Clerk's Office.

Weatherford moved and Scott seconded to approve the Regular ZBA Meeting minutes of April 16, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

NEW APPLICATION:

1. ZBA #09-05

BY: Advanced Ranges Inc. / Julie Laviolette

RE: 1096 N. Center Rd.

FOR: Outdoor storage of vehicles and/or recreational vehicles. Zoned Light Industrial, (M-1). (5 votes required)

Kirk Williamson, 504 Hemlock, said the range was opened last November and is doing well, although they are travel far for loads of ammunition. There have been no noise complaints and the range is on almost 5 acres that is paved and fenced. He asked for approval to park recreational vehicles and vehicles on the property.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

John Stapish, PO Box 190134 claimed he saw vehicles already being stored at the range.

Mr. Strasser said the prior owners used the lot for lumber storage and recommended approval.

BOARD DISCUSSION:

Mr. Parker asked if break-ins would cost the City to have police dispatched and Mr. Strasser said the applicant would be held responsible along with the vehicle owner having insurance on the vehicle.

BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS AND/OR ACTION:

Mr. Parker moved and Bennett seconded to approve ZBA #09-05. Motion carried 7-0.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

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Richard Wurtz, 9331 Thread River, said Mr. Drudi is the third owner of the Sharky's location and is proposing volleyball courts other than just TV sports. There would be more noise from the patio rather than the courts and said the desired hours of playing are until midnight. The proposed 20 ft. high metal poles, 10 ft. high netting and 400 watt lighting would be first class.

Jerry Drudi, 6035 Brookstone, Grand Blanc, MI, requested the courts be available until midnight.

BOARD DISCUSSION:

Mr. Parker said he previously voted no because of his concern for noise, however he would reconsider if a 6 ft. privacy fence was erected to shield the two houses to the South of the property.

Mr. Welch thought there would be more noise from the patio than from the courts.

Mr. Strasser asked that the length of fencing be included in the motion and Mr. Parker said he would like it to contain the court and just beyond along the property line.

Mr. Wurtz said Mr. Drudi cannot make the compromise of fencing and that at the previous meeting no one complained and thinks the residents probably do not have an issue with noise. He said Puzzlers Pub is in favor and the businesses will compliment each other.

Mr. Haskins asked about a tree line and said in this economy, the businesses need all the support they can get.

Mr. Strasser said the houses to the South are zoned office and a fence is not required.

BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS AND/OR ACTION

Weatherford moved and Scott seconded to reconsider ZBA #09-03. Motion carried 7-0.

Scott moved and Weatherford seconded to approve ZBA #09-03 including the three page diagram submitted by the applicant, which entails specifications for fencing, poles for netting, lighting and dimensions of the volleyball courts. Motion carried 6-1, with Mr. Parker voting no.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on **Thursday, June 18, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.**

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

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