

Franklin Township, Portage County
Board of Zoning Appeals
September 9, 2019

Present: Chair David Hansford, Glenn Russell, Shawn Martin, Marilyn Sessions, and Justin Moneyppenny, Board Members; Sam Abell, Zoning Inspector, Joe Ciccozzi, Assistant Zoning Inspector, and Jenny August, Administrative Assistant.

Mr. Hansford called the Board of Zoning Appeals meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. He introduced the Board Members and explained the procedures for the meeting.

7:00 Hearing:

At 7:00 p.m. an application by LAAD Sign and Lighting, 830 Moe Dr. Ste B Akron OH 44310 representing Hawkins Companies LLC 855 W. Broad St Suite 300 Boise ID 83702 for the property located at 2574 State Route 59 (parcel number 12-036-00-00-015-003) was heard for a variance to Section 700.04.A.2 which limits wall signs to twenty-four (24) inches in height. The application wishes to erect 4 wall signs that are 49" in height.

Mr. Hansford asked who is here to speak to this tonight. Ms. Linda Nichols of LAAD Sign and Lighting, 830 Moe Dr. Akron representing Hawkins Companies LLC was sworn in.

Ms. Nichols said this is for the most recent plan that was submitted, which as for 32" letters except the check mark would go slightly higher. The concern was related to visibility from the road. There are no free standing signs, so they need the wall signs on the building to stand out. The store will be over shadowed by Walmart.

Mrs. Sessions asked where the signs will be placed. Mrs. Nichols said there will be one sign on each side of the building. The letters will be illuminated.

Mr. Russell asked what the total height will be including the checkmark. The letters will be 32" and the checkmark will be 49". This is the typical size used in most stores.

Mr. Hansford asked if the big Walmart sign will include a Verizon sign. Ms. Nichols said the multi-tenant sign will not include Verizon.

Mr. Moneyppenny asked if the signs will only be lit during open hours. Ms. Nichols said they are on a timer that is controlled off site. They are usually on during open hours plus a few hours after closing.

Mr. Hansford opened the meeting to Public Comment. There was none.

Mr. Hansford reviewed the Standards for an area variance.
A- yes, B-yes , C-no , D-no , E-yes , F-yes , G-no .

Mr. Russell said he would like to compromise and allow one sign to be larger, and three signs within code. Ms. Nichols asked if the Board would consider two large signs and one within code.

Mrs. Sessions moved to grant a variance of 25” in height for 2 wall signs which would allow each sign to be 49”, and an additional two signs to be 24” with the exception of the dot above the “i” and the check mark. Mr. Money Penny seconded the motion. Mrs. Sessions, Mr. Money Penny, Mr. Martin, and Mr. Hansford voted yes. Mr. Russell voted no. The motion passes.

Mr. Hansford noted that there was a 30-day appeal period that would begin after the minutes of this meeting were journalized. The journalizing will occur at the next meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals

Approval of Minutes: Mr. Russell moved to approve the minutes as presented from the August 12, 2019 meeting. Mr. Hansford seconded the motion. Mr. Martin abstained, all remaining Board members voted yes. The meeting minutes were approved.

Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for October 14, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Jenny August
Administrative Assistant
Board of Zoning Appeals

Approved as submitted:

Chairperson, David Hansford

Approved as amended:

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