

Franklin Township, Portage County  
Board of Zoning Appeals  
April 12, 2021

Present: Chair David Hansford, Glenn Russell, Marilyn Sessions, Justin Money Penny, Board Members; Joe Ciccozzi, Zoning Inspector; Jenny August, BZA Secretary.

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 Ezzi Signs, Inc. 16611 West Little York, Houston, TX 77084 representing Hutton ST 17, LLC 736 Cherry St. Chattanooga TN 37402 for the property located at 1830 East Main Street (parcel number 12-022-00-00-067-000) was heard for a sign variance to section 700.04.A.2. The code allows for 24" of vertical wall space, and the applicant is requesting a 40 inch variance for non-internally illuminated channel lettering, or a 2D vinyl wrap.

Mr. Hansford asked who was here to speak to this tonight. Ms. Christina Cicack, representing Ezzi Signs Inc., 16611 West Little York, Houston, Texas was sworn in via teleconference. Ms. Cicack explained to the Board that the property owner would like both signs to match on the east and west side signs known as A1 and A2. The owner is looking for balance in the signage. The signs would be illuminated until 8pm. At 8 pm the internally illuminated signs would go off and there would just be a spot light illuminating the signs. This was a change the owner made this afternoon and eliminating the vinyl wrap originally proposed. The other option that the owner proposed would be that A1 and A2 are non-illuminated completely with just a spotlight.

Zoning Inspector Ciccozzi told the Board that they would need to approve a 40 inch variance for sign A2 just like they did last month for sign A1. Mrs. Session said the Board agreed to the 40 inch variance with the understanding that the sign A2 would be eliminated. Mr. Money Penny considered making A1 match the new A2 with the vinyl wrap and spot lighting. Mr. Russell was agreeable. Mr. Russell noted that the Board was being asked to approve something that was not advertised in the legal notice since the plan has changed.

There were no comments from the public.

Mr. Hansford reviewed the Standards for an Area Variance:

A- Yes, B- Yes, C- Yes, D- No, E- Yes, F- Yes, G- Yes and No.

Mr. Hansford said this has been a blacktopped area for years with nothing there.

Mr. Hansford moved to grant a variance of 40 inches for a non-internally illuminated channel lettering sign listed as A2 as submitted on April 12 plan, with a second from Mr. Russell. Mrs. Sessions, Mr. Russell, and Mr. Moneypenny voted no; Mr. Hansford voted yes. The motion fails. The variance request is denied.

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. Moneypenny noticed that there is an inch versus a foot typo to be fixed. Mr. Sessions moved to approve the minutes from the March 8, 2021 meeting. Mr. Moneypenny seconded the motion. All voted yes. The meeting minutes were approved.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting is scheduled for May 10, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Jenny August  
Secretary, Board of Zoning Appeals

Approved as submitted:

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Chairperson, David Hansford

Approved as amended:

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