

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE
DECATUR ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

Thursday, May 14, 2020 4:00 P.M.
City Council Chamber, Decatur Civic Center

I. Call to Order and Determination of a Quorum

The, May 14, 2020 meeting of the Decatur Zoning Board of Appeals was called to order at 4:03 P.M. by Chairman Julie Lamb who determined a quorum was present.

The meeting was held with Committee members participating through electronic attendance pursuant to Governor Pritzker's Executive Order 2020-07 suspending the requirements of the Open Meetings Act requiring in-person attendance by members of a public body for the duration of the Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation.

Members Present: Kim Aukamp, Robert Brice, Chris Brodnicki,
Zane Peterson, Leslie Risby, Jeff Taylor, Julie Lamb

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Greg Crowe, Joselyn Stewart,
Richelle Irons, Amy Waks, Janet Poland

II. Approval of Minutes: March 12, 2020

It was moved and seconded (Brodnicki/Risby) to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2020 meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Zane Peterson entered the meeting at 4:05 P.M.

III. New Business

Case No. 20-03 Petition of MOUND CHAPEL CHURCH OF GOD, for a variance in the provisions of the Zoning Ordinance (Ordinance #3512 as amended, Section XXV.B.9.c.) to reduce the required front yard setback line of an Electronic Message Unit from 10 feet to 5 feet to allow for the construction of a sign with an electronic message unit for the existing church at 109 WEST MANCHESTER DRIVE

Mr. Greg Crowe was sworn in by Mrs. Janet Poland.

Mr. Crowe discussed and presented slides of the site and surrounding properties (available for viewing upon request) along with staff's recommendation for approval of the petition based on the staff report distributed to the Zoning Board of Appeals prior to the meeting (staff report is on file and is available for reviewing by request).

Mr. Jason Thompkins, representative for the petitioner, was sworn in by Mrs. Poland.

Mr. Thompkins said the church has an existing monument/granite style sign. They are wanting to add the message unit to the existing sign. The required front yard setback for an Electronic Message Unit is ten (10) feet and the setback for existing sign is five (5) feet. The church is requesting a variance to reduce the front yard setback to five (5) feet.

There were no questions and no objectors present.

It was moved and seconded (Peterson/Taylor) to approve Case. No. 20-03 as recommended by staff.

Upon call of the roll, Commission members Kim Aukamp, Robert Brice, Chris Brodnicki, Zane Peterson, Leslie Risby, Jeff Taylor and Chairman Julie Lamb voted aye. Chairman Lamb declared the motion carried.

IV. Appearance of Citizens

No citizen expressed comments.

V. Comments and Information from Commission Members

No Commission members expressed comments.

VI. Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved and seconded (Aukamp/Brice) to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Lamb declared the meeting adjourned at 4:17 P.M.