

**MURRAY BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENTS  
REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2023  
4:30 P.M.**

The Murray Board of Zoning Adjustments met in a regular meeting on Wednesday, January 18, 2023 at 4:30 p.m. in City Hall at 500 Main Street.

**Board Members Present:** Mike Faihst, Jim Foster, Carmen Garland, Paula Hulick, John Krieb, and Bobbie Weatherly

**Board Members Absent:** Josh Vernon

**Also Present:** Rakov Aetherus, Lindsay Aycock, Dannetta Clayton, Carol Downey, Attorney David Perlow, Keith Crouch, Nate Maxwell, and public audience.

Chairman Faihst called the meeting to order and welcomed all guests and applicants. Lindsay Aycock called the roll.

Chairman Faihst called for a motion to approve the minutes from the regular BZA meeting on December 21, 2022.

**Jim Foster made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular BZA meeting on December 21, 2022. John Krieb seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.**

**Public Hearing: Dimensional Variance: 1105 Keepers Way – Greer Neon – Keith Crouch: Request to have an additional sign on the north façade of the building and a variance for an increase in the size of the sign on the west façade of the building.** Carol Downey reviewed the ordinance regulations and presented the Staff Report including the zoning map, renderings of the proposed signs, pictures of the property and the surrounding properties.

Keith Crouch came forward and was sworn in. Mr. Crouch explained that the owner of Mega Gym wants new “Mega Gym” sign letters in the updated font to replace the current ones on the front of the building. He wants to add the updated letters/signage to the west side of the building as well. He is also requesting to move the round sign from the west side of the building to the front.

Chairman Faihst opened the public hearing and asked if anyone wished to speak in favor or opposition of this request. No one came forward, so Chairman Faihst closed the public hearing and brought it back to the board for discussion or a motion.

**John Krieb made a motion to allow the additional 74 sq. ft sign on the north façade of the building. Also, to allow an increase in the size of the signage on the west side of the building from 74 sq. ft to 128 sq. ft of the façade of the building located at 1105 Keepers Way as presented with the findings of fact being that the size of the signs being requested are smaller than the allowed sizes and the signs will help identify the building more clearly. The testimony presented in this public hearing has shown based on the findings, it does not**

**adversely affect public health, safety, or welfare, will not alter the essential character of the general vicinity, will not cause a hazard or nuisance to the public, and will not allow unreasonable circumvention of the requirements of the zoning ordinance. Paula Hulick seconded the motion and it carried by a 6-0 roll call vote.**

**Public Hearing: Dimensional Variance: 109 Old Concord Road – Nate Maxwell: Request a variance to build an accessory structure in the front yard of the property.** Carol Downey reviewed the ordinance regulations and presented the Staff Report which included renderings of the proposed accessory structure and the proposed location for the structure on the property, the zoning map, pictures of the property and the surrounding properties.

Nate Maxwell came forward and was sworn in. Mr. Maxwell explained his desire to keep his equipment concealed in the proposed accessory structure. The board inquired about the use of the existing building and Mr. Maxwell replied that it is used as office space.

Chairman Faihst opened the public hearing and asked if anyone wished to speak in favor or opposition of this request. No one came forward, so Chairman Faihst closed the public hearing and brought it back to the board for discussion or a motion.

**Jim Foster made a motion to grant the variance to build an accessory structure in the front yard of the property located at 109 Old Concord Road, as presented. The testimony presented in this public hearing has shown based on the findings, it does not adversely affect public health, safety, or welfare, will not alter the essential character of the general vicinity, will not cause a hazard or nuisance to the public, and will not allow unreasonable circumvention of the requirements of the zoning ordinance. Chairman Faihst seconded the motion and it carried by a 6-0 roll call vote.**

**Questions and Comments:** The board asked if the Comprehensive Plan meeting was still planned for next month and Dannetta replied that it is, but no date has been set yet.

Chairman Faihst called for a motion to adjourn.

**Paula Hulick made a motion to adjourn. Jim Foster seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:03 p.m.**



Chairman, Mike Faihst



Recording Secretary, Lindsay Aycock