

MINUTES
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
January 16, 2017

The meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals for the City of Mentor-on-the-Lake was called to order on January 16, 2017 by Chairman Al Buescher, at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room at City Hall, 5860 Andrews Road.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Morris **MOTION CARRIED 3/0**
Mr. Buescher
Mr. Sweeney
Mr. May-absent
Mr. Baranski-absent

Also present –Brent Moore, Service Director
Mayor Eva

OATH OF OFFICE: Al Buescher
Dave Baranski was not present

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: November 21, 2016

MOTION made by Mr. Morris and then a second by Mr. Buescher to approve the minutes.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Morris **MOTION CARRIED 2/0**
Mr. Buescher
Mr. Sweeney-abstain
Mr. May-absent
Mr. Baranski-absent

Mr. Buescher noted that the city should become gender neutral on the BZA procedures; maybe it should read as they or residents in place of the he and his throughout.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: No one was in attendance

COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORT: Council held its first meeting, prior to that was an organizational meeting. There is currently nothing in front of council. There information coming up about the new marijuana laws and the small cell tower legislation. The state has taken away the moratorium for that. The cell phone companies want to replace the large towers with small cell towers that will go on top of existing utility poles. The organizational meeting took place as well. Desirea Thompson retained her position as President of Council and Preston Wolk as Vice President of Council. Council is waiting to find out what committee they will each serve on.

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OLD BUSINESS: Vote on changes to the Rules and Procedures

MOTION made by Mr. Morris and then a second by Mr. Buescher to approve the changes to the rules and procedures, subject to the change of gender neutral terms.

There was discussion among the commission about the changes on the frequency of the meetings based on need. Mr. Sweeney was not at the previous meeting, he was asked to read the minutes, so that he can vote on the rule changes.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Morris
Mr. Buescher
Mr. Sweeney
Mr. May-absent
Mr. Baranski-absent

MOTION CARRIED 3/0

NEW BUSINESS: The mayor mentioned that at the next meeting they need to vote on the chair & vice chair. It needs to be done every year.

Mayor Eva invited Mr. Buescher and Mr. Sweeney to consider the open seat on Council, as Mr. Hawkins will be retiring.

MOTION by Mr. Buescher and a second by Mr. Morris to adjourn at 7:13 pm

APPROVED

5/15/17

Date



Chairman

ATTEST



Board of Zoning Appeals Clerk