

The following are minutes of the Bettendorf Board of Adjustment and are a synopsis of the discussion that took place at this meeting and as such may not include the entirety of each statement made. The minutes of each meeting do not become official until approved at the next board meeting.

**MINUTES  
BETTENDORF BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT  
APRIL 8, 2010  
5:00 P.M.**

Chairman Stelk called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Item 1. Roll Call

PRESENT: Falk, Howe, Stelk, Voelliger  
ABSENT: McElhiney  
STAFF: Connors, Soenksen

Item 2. Review of Board Procedures.

Stelk introduced new Board member Dave Falk.

Item 3. The Board to review and approve the minutes of the meeting of January 14, 2010.

On motion by Howe, seconded by Voelliger, that the minutes of the meeting of January 14, 2010 be approved as submitted.

ROLL CALL ON MOTION

AYE: Howe, Stelk, Voelliger  
NAY: None  
ABSTAIN: Falk

Motion carried.

Item 4. The Board to hold a public hearing on the following items:

- a. Case 10-007; 2021 State Street (C-3) - A request for a variance to reduce the required setback for an on-premises identification sign from 15 feet to 3 feet and to allow an exposed lighting source sign (LED programmable sign) in the Downtown Riverfront Corridor Overlay District (DRCOD), submitted by the City of Bettendorf.

Stelk asked if there was an affidavit of publication. Soenksen stated that notice of public hearing had been received. Notice and affidavit of publication are Annex #2 to these minutes.

Soenksen reviewed the staff report. Staff report is Annex #3 to these minutes.

Howe commented that it appears on the drawing that was submitted that the sign will be placed diagonally. He asked if that is the case and if the sign would be lighted on both sides. Steve Van Dyke, Project Coordinator for the Event Center, stated that he believes that angling the sign would make it more visible to oncoming traffic and would be more aesthetically-pleasing. He added that the sign will be single-sided.

Voelliger asked if the proposed sign would reduce the amount of available parking spaces. Soenksen stated that it would not.

Voelliger asked if the sign would similar in size to the other City of Bettendorf identification signs. Van Dyke confirmed this, adding that there is a slight design difference which allowed space for the full allowable 50 square feet of LED signage.

Voelliger asked if there would be any LED lighting on the sign besides the message. Van Dyke stated that the request is for a 3-color LED sign capable of video messaging. He added that the sign is intended to eliminate the need for the banners that the facility has been using to advertise events.

Van Dyke stated that the request is very similar to others that the Board has granted, adding that it is very likely that the sign would be located on the east end of the facility in order to clearly identify the main parking lot. He indicated that he feels as though the east end would be a more aesthetically-pleasing location for the sign. Van Dyke stated that there are not many feasible locations for the sign because of the layout of the development. He explained that the base of the sign will not necessarily be brick, adding that it is possible that it might be of a stone that is similar in color to what was used for the event center building.

There being no one else present wishing to speak in favor of or in opposition to the request, Stelk closed the public hearing.

On motion by Voelliger, seconded by Howe, that the variance to reduce the required setback for an on-premises identification sign from 15 feet to 3 feet and to allow an exposed lighting source sign (LED programmable sign) in the Downtown Riverfront Corridor Overlay District (DRCOD) be approved in accordance with the Decision and Order.

ALL AYES

Motion carried.

Decision and Order is Annex #4 to these minutes.

- b. Case 10-008; 1424 - 18<sup>th</sup> Street (R-2) - A request for a variance to increase the allowable garage area from 720 square feet to 855 square feet, submitted by David Mossage.

Soenksen reviewed the staff report. Staff report is Annex #5 to these minutes.

There being no one present wishing to speak in favor of or in opposition to the request, Stelk closed the public hearing.

On motion by Voelliger, seconded by Howe, that the variance to increase the allowable garage area from 720 square feet to 855 square feet be approved in accordance with the Decision and Order.

Howe commented that it appears as though the proposed garage will fit well into the neighborhood. Voelliger stated that he believes the proposed construction will improve the neighborhood. Stelk concurred.

ROLL CALL ON MOTION

ALL AYES

Motion carried.

Decision and Order is Annex #6 to these minutes.

There being no further business, it was unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at approximately 5:25 p.m.

These minutes and annexes approved

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 John Soenksen  
 City Planner