

CITY OF IONIA

Sign Board of Appeals/Zoning Board of Appeals

January 6, 2012

Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Mike Kirgis at 12:09 PM, Friday, January 6, 2012 in the basement conference room of City Hall.

ROLL CALL

Roll call revealed Board Members Joe Dunn, Mike Kirgis and Jeff Winters present. Board Members Jim Denny and Mark Jennings were excused.

City Manager Jason Eppler and Sparrow-Ionia Hospital CFO Mark Brisboe were also in attendance.

PUBLIC HEARING

Chairperson Kirgis called to the Public Hearing to order. He stated that the purpose of the Public Hearing was to receive comments on the request from Sparrow-Ionia Hospital for variances from the City's sign ordinance for permission to install an off-premises directional sign (which exceeds the directional sign size standards in the ordinance and the requirement for direction signs to be "on-premise") and permission to install one (1) ground sign on property owned by the City of Ionia at 345 Morse Street.

The City Manager reported that notice of the Public Hearing was published in the December 20, 2011 edition of the *Sentinel-Standard*. He further stated that notice of the Public Hearing was mailed to those residing or owning property within 300' of the locations where the signs are proposed to be installed. He stated that he has received no comments on the request.

Hearing no comments, Chairperson Kirgis closed the Public Hearing.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

BUSINESS

Sparrow-Ionia Hospital Request – Off-Premises Sign: Chairperson Kirgis reviewed with the Board Sparrow's request for the variance to install the off-premise sign at 345 Morse Street. He revised the memorandum prepared by the City Manager dated December 28, 2011 containing the facts of the request. In his memorandum, the City Manager stated that the standards for granting the variances

have been met so long as the Board can determine that the sign size portion of the variance request is the minimum amount necessary.

After further discussion, it was moved by Member Winters, seconded by Member Dunn to grant Sparrow-Ionia Hospital's request for permission to install an off-premise directional sign at 345 Morse Street based on the request complying with the standards for granting a variance contained in Section 1234.18 (c)(3) of the City Code. MOTION CARRIED.

ZBA BUSINESS

Selection of Officers: Chairperson Kirgis stated that since it is the first meeting of the new calendar year for the SBA/ZBA, the ZBA Rules of Procedure require the Board select officers for the New Year. Officers selected for the ZBA also serve as the officers of the SBA.

It was moved by Member Winters, seconded by Member Dunn to select the following officers for 2012:

Chairperson	Mike Kirgis
Vice-Chairperson	Jim Denny
Secretary	Jim Dunn

MOTION CARRIED.

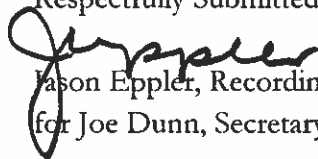
MEMBER COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Kirgis adjourned the meeting of the Sign Board of Appeals at 12:17 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,


Jason Eppler, Recording Secretary
for Joe Dunn, Secretary