



**Board of Appeals on Zoning
Minutes**

Wednesday March 1, 2023 – 6:00 p.m.
1315 S. Washington Ave.
Council Chamber – Room 205
989-754-8222

I. **Call to Order** - Meeting was called to order by Chair Browning at 6:00 p.m.

II. **Roll Call** – Cassi Zimmerman took roll.

Members Present: Dennis Browning, Jamie Forbes, Bruce Gale, Jack Nash

Members Absent: George Copeland

Staff: Bob Gollin, Cassi Zimmerman, Amy Lusk, City Attorney

III. **Approval of Minutes** – Wednesday, February 1, 2023.

Motion by Board Member Nash, seconded by Board Member Gale to approve the meeting minutes for the February 1, 2023 meeting. 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion approved.

IV. **Approval of Agenda** – Wednesday March 1, 2023

Motion by Board Member Nash, seconded by Board Member Forbes to approve the meeting agenda for March 1, 2023 meeting. 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion approved.

V. **New Business**

a. Case #J23-0175 – Special Exception application – 251 Lockwood

Chair Browning opened the public hearing and asked if there was anyone here to speak on the application. Brian Davis, 251 Lockwood, spoke about the parking issue he has at his home that is causing an undue hardship and a practicality issue for his family. He plans to lay 8 feet of gravel next to his driveway, in his front yard, to allow for an additional vehicle to legally park on his property.

Chair Browning called for additional comments.

Alan Tobias, 239 Lockwood, spoke of the issue in the neighborhood. The parking issue at this home results in cars parking on the front lawn and sidewalk which is making the neighborhood less desirable.

Chair Browning called for additional comments.

Jessica Davis, 251 Lockwood, spoke on the hardship it has caused their family.

Chair Browning called for additional comments, no further comments were given.

Motion by Board Member Forbes, seconded by Board Member Nash to close the public hearing. 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion approved.

Board Member Forbes asked if this change would provide enough parking to remedy the parking issues. Staff Gollin stated that the homeowner is working with engineering to create a cut out space along the street to allow for a third vehicle.

Commissioner Nash asked if the decision would set precedence. Staff commented that each application should be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

Motion by Board Member Gale, seconded by Board Member Forbes to move out of the regular order of business. 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion approved.

Board Member Gales asked Mr. Davis how many cars are at the home. Mr. Davis stated that they need parking for three vehicles.

Motion by Board Member Gale, seconded by Board Member Forbes to return to the regular order of business. 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion approved.

Motion by Board Member Forbes, seconded by Board Member Nash to approve the Special Exception Application at 251 Lockwood for Case #J23-0175.

Chair Browning asked Staff Zimmerman to conduct a roll call vote.

Ayes: Browning, Forbes, Gale, Nash

Nays: None

Absent: Copeland

Motion approved.

Board Members in favor stated there is an undue hardship on the property not caused by the owners themselves. The garage and short drive were built in the 1930s when multiple vehicles in the family were not common.

VI. Public Comment – None

VII. Old Business - None

VIII. Adjournment

Motion by Board Member Nash, seconded by Board Member Gale to adjourn the meeting at 6:21 pm. 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Motion approved.

Prepared and submitted by

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