

PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
Minutes of November 11, 2008 Meeting

Members Present: Mark O'Loughlin (Chairman), Jan Pitts, Christy Overla, Doug Owsley, and Bill Gallaer

Members Absent: Lee Shoaf

Others in Attendance: Connie Swisher (Zoning) Pam Williams (BZA Alternate)

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 P.M.

Chairman, Mr. O'Loughlin called for the approval of the minutes of the October 14, 2008, minutes.

Ms. Pitts moved to approve the minutes as submitted, Mr. Owsley seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman, Mr. O'Loughlin swore in all of those in attendance wishing to speak.

Old Business: Application 527-VA-08

Old Business: A) Variance Application No. 527-VA-08

Applicant: Ed Hunt, Lamar Outdoor Advertising, P. O. Box 513,
Blacklick, Ohio 43004

Owner: Mahasager Inc., 6905 Running Deer Place, Dublin
Ohio 43017

Location: 4601 West Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43228

Request: To Grant a variance from the provisions of Section 1202 #1 &
#2, to allow the applicant to place an electronic message center
On the existing off-premise billboard sign (eastbound face only
Westbound face remains the same.)

Ms. Swisher spoke about the continued application for the signage. She said that she spoke to the trustees to get their input into the signage issue. Trustees Ms. Schlosser and Mr. Stormont were for the new signage and Mr. Kennedy said that he does not like the idea because it takes away attention from the road.

Mr. Ed Hunt (Lamar Outdoor Advertising) spoke for. He read an excerpt from the Heath, Ohio zoning plan regarding signage. Mr. Gallaer asked about auto dimming capabilities in the Heath plan and Mr. Hunt said that they did not incorporate that into the plan. Ms. Overla asked about the effects of the lighting on the housing complex near the sign. And Mr. Hunt said lighting in the complex would be minimal.

The Rome-Hilliard sign was used as an example. This sign is 8 seconds delay and company policy only allows for 6 advertisers. Mr. O'Loughlin asked if ODOT prohibits animation, Mr. Hunt replied yes.

Chairman O'Loughlin said that we need to look at the following issues:

- 1) Spacing of signs
- 2) Timing- 7-8 seconds
- 3) Transition-instant-no fade in or out
- 4) Legitable –easy to read- not blurry
- 5) Dimmer capabilities
- 6) Content

Application was tabled until the December 9th, 2008 BZA meeting to determine all requirements for the signage.

No motion was needed to continue.

No New Business

Meeting Adjourned at 7:52 P. M.

Submitted by Bill Gallaer