

CITY OF MENASHA
BOARD OF APPEALS
Third Floor Council Chambers
140 Main Street, Menasha
June 8, 2017
MINUTES

2:30 PM – Public Hearing – Request for internal illumination monument sign at St. Timothy Church, 473 Seventh Street, Menasha

Chairman Evenson opened the public hearing.

CD Coordinator Heim read a letter received from Sharon Krueger, 701 Racine Street, Menasha. Ms. Krueger stated she objects to granting a variance to St. Timothy Church as she would prefer not to look out her window at a lighted sign.

No one spoke. Chairman Evenson closed the public hearing.

A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Chairman Evenson at 2:31 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL/EXCUSED ABSENCES

PRESENT: Commissioners Koslowski, Rashid, Evenson

EXCUSED: Commissioners Kubiak and Tines

ALSO PRESENT: CDD Buck, CDC Heim, Clerk Galeazzi, Sharon Bolls and Kelsey Hayes from TLC Sign, Greg Obersadt and David Skarsten from St. Timothy Church.

C. MINUTES TO APPROVE

1. Board of Appeals, 1/25/17.

Moved by Comm. Rashid seconded by Comm. Koslowski to approve minutes.

Motion carried on voice vote.

D. ACTION ITEMS

1. Request for internal illumination monument sign at St. Timothy Church, 473 Seventh Street, Menasha.

CDD Buck gave an overview of the variance request. He explained City Zoning Ordinance does allow for an external monument sign in R-1 Single Family Residential District. St. Timothy Church is located in R-1 District. All other aspects of the sign request meets Zoning Ordinance standards including size, height, setback and materials. Staff finds that no hardship exists without the variance, there is no unique situation, and granting the variance may set a precedent.

Sharon Bolls and Kelsey Hayes from TLC Sign Inc. explained external illumination would most likely be flood lights which could cause issues with vandalism and be a distraction to vehicle and pedestrian traffic. Internal illumination could be adjusted to be less distracting.

Greg Obersadt from St. Timothy Church stated the goal of St. Timothy Church is to attract more people to their church and the internal illumination monument sign would be more visible and less subject to vandalism.

General discussion ensued on the current zoning code and the sign at Menasha High School located across the street from St. Timothy Church.

Moved by Comm. Rashid seconded by Comm. Koslowski to deny request for internal illumination monument sign at St. Timothy Church as it does not meet standards under City Zoning Code.

Motion carried on voice vote – all voting aye.

E. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Comm. Rashid seconded by Comm. Koslowski to adjourn at 3:10 p.m.

Motion carried on voice vote.

Deborah A. Galeazzi, WCMC
City Clerk