



**BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
MINUTES
JANUARY 11, 2022**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Sevierville Board of Zoning Appeals was held at the Civic Center, 130 Gary Wade Boulevard, Sevierville, Tennessee on Tuesday, January 11, 2022 at 5:26 PM.

There were present and participating:

MEMBERS PRESENT

Vincent Snider, Chairman
Austin Williams, Vice-Chairman
Douglas Messer, Secretary
Robbie Fox
Wayne Helton
Daryl Roberts
Butch Stott

MEMBERS ABSENT

None

STAFF PRESENT

Dustin Smith, Development Director
Kristina Rodreick, Senior Planner
David Black, Building Official
JC Green, Fire Marshal
Brooke Fradd, Recording Secretary

Chairman Snider declared a quorum present and announced the meeting would proceed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Roberts made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 4, 2021 meeting. The motion received a second from Mr. Helton and passed with a unanimous vote.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

CASE NUMBER 22-01 – WILDERNESS SOAKY MOUNTAIN REQUESTS AN INTERPRETATION OF SLIDE LIGHTING IN RELATION TO 6.2.4 PROHIBITED SIGN TYPES – 175 GISTS CREEK ROAD (CITY).

Mr. Smith explained that the applicant has proposed adding lights to the new slide at Soaky Mountain Waterpark. He explained that based off the description of a sign, as defined in the zoning ordinance, staff was not comfortable approving the request in-house. He further explained that the zoning ordinance defines a sign as something which “attracts attention” and is “animated or moving.” The BZA is being asked to interpret if the proposal would be considered a sign.

Frank Powers, Construction Project Manager for the waterpark, addressed the board. He stated that while the lights would help advertise the park, it also provides additional security lighting. BZA members asked questions regarding the rolling nature of the lights. They suggested that this would be for attention getting purposes. They also expressed concerns about traffic safety issues which may result from the flashing lights.

Action Taken

Mr. Stott made a motion to interpret the proposal with moving lights as signage but if the lights remain static then it would not be considered signage. The motion received a second from Mr. Messer, with all voting in favor except Mr. Roberts.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:01 PM.

Vincent Snider, Chairman

Douglas Messer, Secretary

Brooke Fradd, Recording Secretary