

MINUTES
BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
PUBLIC HEARING
January 8, 2015

The Lake County Board of Adjustment met on January 8, 2015 in the Commission Chambers on the second floor of the County Administration Building in Tavares, Florida to consider requests for variances and any other petitions that may be submitted in accordance with Chapter XIV of the Lake County Land Development Regulations.

Board Members Present:

Donald Schreiner, Chairman
Craig Covington, Vice-Chairman
Catherine Hanson
Peter Caracciolo
Phyllis Luck
Lloyd M. Atkins, Jr.

Board Members Absent:

Marie Wuenschel

Staff Present:

Chris Schmidt, Manager, Planning & Community Design Division
Steve Green, AICP, Chief Planner, Planning & Community Design Division
Tim McClendon, Chief Planner, Planning & Community Design Division
Michele Janiszewski, Planner, Planning & Community Design Division
Melanie Marsh, Deputy County Attorney
Donna R. Bohrer, Public Hearing Associate, Planning & Community Design Division
Kim Haskins, Office Associate, Planning & Community Design Division

Chairman Schreiner called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. He noted for the record that there was a quorum present. He confirmed Proof of Publication for the case as shown on the screen. He added that if a variance is approved, the owner/applicant should give staff at least 24 hours before proceeding to the zoning counter to finalize their paperwork.

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Opening Remarks

Steve Green, AICP, Chief Planner, Planning and Community Design, said there were no changes to the agenda.

Minutes

MOTION by Catherine Hanson SECONDED by Craig Covington to APPROVE the December 11, 2014 Board of Adjustment Public Hearing Minutes, as submitted.

FOR: Schreiner, Covington, Hanson, Caracciolo, Atkins, Luck

ABSENT: Wuenschel

AGAINST: None

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0

Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Regular Agenda

BOA# 2015-01-5

AGENDA NO. 1

OWNER/APPLICANTS: Gary and Peggy Custer

Michele Janiszewski, Planner, presented BOA# 2015-01-5, stating the applicant is requesting a variance to allow the removal of two heritage trees. She noted that the subject property is located on SR 44, in the Leesburg area. The applicant is requesting a variance to allow for the removal of two heritage trees to allow the construction of a general retail store and associated parking. Both trees are considered heritage trees because of their size and the variance is requested because neither tree is a danger to persons or property. The applicant is proposing to mitigate one hundred (100%) percent of the caliper inches with trees planted on site. She stated that the applicate has provided proof of substantial hardship because the preservation of both trees would limit the development on the property. Ms. Janiszewski stated that staff is recommending approval of the variance request as it meets the consistent with the intention of LDR Section 9.02.00 regulates the removal of and replacement of trees and palms. She added that the flood zone on the northern portion of the site flood zone limits the development that can be achieved on the property.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

Motion by Craig Covington, SECONDED by Catherine Hansen to approve BOA # 2015-01-5, Gary and Peggy Custer with conditions as set forth in the final development order.

FOR: Schreiner, Hanson, Covington, Caracciolo, Luck, Atkins

ABSENT: Wuenschel

AGAINST: None

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Donna Bohrer
Public Hearing Associate



Donald Schreiner
Chairman