

**BLOUNT COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2010**

BZA MEMBERS PRESENT: Harold Brown, Larry Campbell, Stanley Headrick, Rob Walker, Gordon Wright, Jim Melton (present but not voting)

The minutes from the previous meeting were read and a motion to approve was made by Harold Brown with a second by Larry Campbell. The members voted unanimously to accept the minutes from the last meeting.

CASES BEING HEARD AND ACTIONS TAKEN:

- 1. SPECIAL EXCEPTION: ONE**
- 2. VARIANCE: TWO**
- 3. APPEALS: NONE**
- 4. OTHER BUSINESS: ONE**

Special Exception:

1. Wireless Properties is requesting a special exception for a cell tower to be located at 224 Myers Road. Wireless Properties has changed their proposal to a 142 foot camouflaged tower.

--Arthur Seymour spoke on behalf of Wireless Properties and offered the following changes to the tower: reduce tower to 142' and disguise as a pine tree.

--Matt Bates with Wireless Properties described photos that were presented to the Board members.

--Attorney Wayne Kline, representing Stonegate and other residents in the area, spoke in opposition. He hired Columbia Telecommunications Corporation to study the proposed cell tower site. **Exhibits submitted as part of record on file.

--Lee Afferbach (?), a communications engineer with Columbia Telecommunications Corporation, offered the following options:

- Use a short antenna tower
- Distributed antenna system
- Tower of less than 142'.

--Russ Sorvillo, a resident of Stonegate, spoke in opposition.

--Gary Cox voiced concerns about Myers Road being a private road.

--Larry Perry answered questions from the Board.

Larry Campbell made the following motion: "based upon the Federal Communications Act, where it states that we cannot discriminate against any wireless provider, I make the motion to approve the proposed cell tower with the additional changes of the reduced height and the camouflaged design that has been provided to the Board, and during cell tower construction, any damage to the road will be repaired back to the original condition," to approve the special exception. **Mr. Campbell's statement and motion are part of record on file. Stan Headrick made a second.

Vote:	Harold Brown	YES
	Larry Campbell	YES
	Stanley Headrick	YES
	Rob Walker	NO

Gordon Wright YES

The motion was approved by a majority vote.

Variance:

1. James Freeman is requesting a variance for the sign for Parkway Drive-In at 2909 E Lamar Alexander Parkway.

No motion needed. The Board deemed that the sign was not destroyed by 50% or more; original sign to be put back in place.

Vote: Harold Brown
Larry Campbell
Stanley Headrick
Rob Walker
Gordon Wright

2. Charles Roach is requesting a variance for minimum lot size at 263 Self Hollow Road.

--Mr. Roach explained that the property was left to him and his brother and they now wish to divide the properties into two lots.

Harold Brown made a motion to approve the variance. Gordon Wright made a second.

Vote: Harold Brown YES
Larry Campbell YES
Stanley Headrick YES
Rob Walker YES
Gordon Wright YES

The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Other Business:

Jim Kelley had requested a variance from the side setback requirements of 10 feet for his property located at 1853 Smoky View Estates Circle. He has since collected signatures from surrounding neighbors supporting his variance request. His request was denied at the October, 2009 BZA meeting due to lack of show. He is requesting to be able to go back before the Board for the variance request. The Board suggested that he re-apply with the new information on the application and then he would be scheduled accordingly.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED.