

**Huntingburg Board of Zoning Appeals  
Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
Wednesday, January 31, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. Local Time**

The Huntingburg Board of Zoning Appeals met in regular session on Wednesday, January 31, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers at the Huntingburg City Hall. Members present were Dave Schipp, Mike Schmett, Amy Lehr and Ronald Mundy. Others present included: Chris Konerding (petitioner) and Planning Director, Paul Lake.

This being the first meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals in 2018, election of officers for the year were made. Mike Schmett made a motion that David Schipp be elected President, Michael Schmett be Vice President and Amy Lehr be Secretary. Mike's motion was seconded by Ronald Mundy. The motion was approved was approved 4-0.

The minutes from the Board of Zoning Appeals meetings held on August 23, 2017 were reviewed and a motion to approve as presented was made by David Schipp and seconded by Amy Lehr. The minutes for the August 23, 2017 Board of Zoning Appeals meeting were approved.

Planning Director Paul Lake summarized the use variance being requested by K-A-R-S. The petitioner would like to install a solar panel generating system at his place of building. The property is currently zoned B-2 (heavy commercial) to allow for the automotive repair facility operating there. In order to allow for the generation/distribution of power a variance from Section 154.195 of the Huntingburg Zoning Code is required. Paul indicated that he had received confirmation for both the required mailing to 'Interested Parties' and publication of Notice of Public Hearing. Paul also indicated that Chris Konerding was present to address any questions the Board might have.

David Schipp indicated that tonight's meeting constituted a public hearing on the Use Variance being requested and opened the public hearing at 7:08 pm.

The first speaker was Chris Konerding. Mr. Konerding spoke to the Board about the project and why he wishes to install the panels. The system 22 MW and is being installed by Ag Technologies. Chris indicated that his hope is to realize energy savings of between 25-50% monthly depending upon time year and day of the week. Board members asked about the number of panels being installed and where on the site they are being installed. Chris indicated that they are being installed parallel to the southern property line with a starting point near the southeast corner of the property. Required setbacks would be respected. David Schipp noted that there were no others in attendance and closed the public hearing at 7:20 pm. A motion to approve the Use Variance was made by David Schipp and seconded by Amy Lehr. The Use Variance was approved 4-0.

There being no other business to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Davis Schipp and seconded by Ronald Mundy. January 31, 2018 Board of Zoning Appeals meeting was adjourned at 7:23 pm.

Submitted by:

*David Schipp*  
Secretary

Approved by:

*Davis Schipp* Date: *5-9-18*  
President