City of St. Ignace Zoning Board of Appeals Proceedings (Official)

A meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals was held on Monday, July 25, 2022, in the City Council Chambers as a hybrid attendance meeting with Zoom video conference available. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman Arnold.

Present: Jon Arnold, Ken Hardy, Tom Tarnutzer (Alternate), and Kayla Pelter.

Absent: Walt Wilhide, Luke Paquin, Clyde Hart (Alternate), and Steve Dusfresne.

Mr. Wilhide's and Mr. Hart's absences were excused due to being out of town. Mr. Paquin's absence was excused due to work obligations.

Staff Present: Assistant to the City Manager Stephanie Baar.

Approval of Agenda:

No additions/deletions to the agenda.

Approval of Minutes:

It was moved by Councilmember Pelter, seconded by Mr. Hardy, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business:

Mr. Arnold notes that the short-term rental variance that was denied for 165 Portage on July 19th, 2022 was given five (5) days to go into effect and must now be in compliance.

Public Hearings:

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Presentation from property owner. Significant renovations have been done on the home, and to ensure it's maintained well it will be rented to guests accordingly.

Mr. Arnold reads a letter from a neighboring property owner with concerns about STRs in the neighborhood and the noise it creates. The board notes that there are safeguards that can help protect against that, and this is a new rental with no prior complaints.

Neighboring property owners in the audience support the STR request, and just ask that parking, driveway space, and noise levels, are respected.

A neighboring property owner on Zoom inquires about how infractions against STRs are handled. The ordinance notes that three (3) violations will result in action against a property. A STR hotline exists for neighbors to file complaints, as well as a website and a non-emergency number.

It was moved by Mr. Tarnutzer, seconded by Mr. Hardy to approve the variance. Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Councilmember Pelter, seconded by Mr. Hardy, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.