

BOARD of ZONING APPEALS
MINUTES of MEETING
April 18, 2017
4:30 p.m.

Attendance: Tom Moushey, Dave Lundgren, Mike Aeling, Arnie Hirvela, Zoning Inspector Bill Hawley, Asst. Law Director William Morris, and Secretary Theresa DeUnger.

Eddie Williams was absent.

1. **Minutes from the March 21, 2017 meeting:**

Hirvela made the motion to approve the March 21, 2017 minutes. Aeling seconded motion; Moushey, Aeling and Hirvela approved the minutes. Lundgren abstained from voting as he was absent last month.

Moushey read the Board of Zoning Appeals procedures including the appellant recourse.

2. **Four Kids Coffee The Crossing, Graphic Detail Inc. – 320 W. State St. – Appeal #17-009 – 20.8 SF and 18 SF size variances for building signs, – located in a B-3 zone**

Bill Hawley, 504 E Main St, was sworn in. This appeal is for the size of the wall signs at Four Kids Coffee. The front of the building would allow for a 52 sq. ft. sign. The proposed sign is 70 sq. ft., the variance is for 18 sq. ft. The second sign would be located on the east side of the building, and the allotted size is 20.8 sq. ft. The proposed sign is 70 sq.ft. and the variance is for 49.2 sq.ft.

Steve Scheffer, Graphic Detail Inc. 936 Greenbriar Pkwy. Kent Oh., was sworn in. Scheffer is proposing two signs. The square footage runs over due to the railroad crossing pieces. Only the letters of the sign will be lighted. Scheffer agrees with the sign square footage previously given by Hawley.

Doug Schwarz, Alliance Ventures, 1840 W. State St. was sworn in. Schwarz is excited to have Four Kids Coffee come to Alliance. He feels the signs are proportioned well for the size of the building and requests an approval for both variances.

Catherine Sackett, 6307 Whipple Ave. Canton, Oh, owner of four Kids Coffee, was sworn in. Sackett explained the Four Kids Coffee Shop located in Canton was geared towards Moms and their children. Alliance Ventures, Dehoff, and the University of Mt. Union came and asked if a different concept could reach the Alliance community as well as the university. A separate legal entity was established as The Crossing. The Crossing is a sub of Four Kids Coffee Inc. Sackett explained if the cross bars are smaller and fit within the allotted square footage, she is concerned it won't be proportioned with the other existing business signs.

Lundgren asked Sackett to explain about the allergen free issue. Sackett explained her youngest child was diagnosed at 10 months with life threatening food allergies. She is allergic to peanuts, tree nuts, shell fish, fish, egg, wheat, dairy, and soy. It was very difficult for the family to go out to eat. When Sackett established Four Kids Coffee, they wanted an egg and gluten free facility as well as free of peanuts and tree nuts.

Lundgren made the motion to accept the 18 sq. ft. variance for the sign on the front of the building. Hirvela 2nd the motion. Aeling, Hirvela, and Lundgren approved the variance. Moushey abstained from voting.

Hirvela made a motion to grant the 49.2 sq.ft. variance for the sign on the east side of the building. Lundgren 2nd the motion. Aeling feels the sign on the side of the building should be more in compliance. Aeling voted no to grant the 49.2 sq. ft. east side sign variance. Hirvela and Lundgren voted to approve the 49.2 sq. ft. east side sign variance. This variance is denied as 3 approval votes are needed. Moushey abstained from voting.

3. **Other Business:**

Morris has no new update on the billboard case. The next scheduled meeting/conference is April 24, 2017 at 1:00 p.m.

No other business.

Hirvela made motion to adjourn. Lundgren seconded motion. Meeting adjourned at 5:07 p.m.