

**ACCOMACK COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS  
MINUTES OF JULY 3, 2019**

At a meeting of the Accomack County Board of Zoning Appeals held on the 3<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2019, in the Accomack County Administration Building Board Chambers, Room # 104, in Accomac, Virginia.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**MEMBERS PRESENT AND ABSENT**

**Board of Zoning Appeals Members Present:**

Mr. Robert L. Nock, Chair  
Mrs. Elizabeth Kerns, Vice Chair  
Mr. W. Richard Bull, Jr.

**Board of Zoning Appeals Members Absent:**

Mr. Harvey A. Drewer, II  
Mr. Lynn P. Gayle

**Others Present:**

Mrs. Katie Nunez, Deputy Director, Planning & Zoning  
Mrs. Ava Gabrielle Wise, Planning & Zoning

**DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM**

There being a quorum, Chairman Robert L. Nock called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

**2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**On a motion made by Mr. Bull and seconded by Mrs. Kerns, the Board of Zoning Appeals voted to adopt the agenda.**

**3. MINUTES**

**A. June 5, 2019**

Mrs. Kerns had a question about a sentence in the minutes and stated that she had a conversation with Katie during which time they decided to delete the sentence, "He stated that there were no cars on the property at this time that were only temporary locations" as it would not materially alter the minutes.

**On a motion made by Mrs. Kerns and seconded by Mr. Bull, the Board of Zoning Appeals voted to approve the corrected June 5, 2019 meeting minutes as drafted by staff.**

**4. OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business.

**5. NEW BUSINESS (PUBLIC HEARINGS)**

**VAR-000005-2019 – Blankenship Auto**

A public hearing initiated by owner, Robert Blankenship for a variance of 96 feet from the size requirements of the sign ordinance, specifically Accomack County Code Section 106-178 (n) (1); the applicant is proposing to construct a 96 sq. ft., two-sided sign on the premises. The property is located at Tax Map #86-A-96A at 23267 Lankford Highway, Accomac, Virginia and is located in the General Business district.

Katie Nunez presented the case and stated that the business is located on Route 13 and is located next to the VDOT residency where the business engages in auto and shed sales. She stated that the business also owns an adjacent parcel on which the sign will be located. VDOT was notified for review due to the highway location of the sign. VDOT requested that the sign be moved back farther than what was originally proposed by the applicant. She explained that this is not the first case of its kind to be presented to the BZA as the staff feels that the ordinance is not “quite accurate” in ensuring that they are capturing the “both sides” standard so everyone is being held to same standard with respect to two-sided signs. The sign meets the height requirements.

Mr. Mike Gillis was sworn in and spoke to the Board. He stated that the business is interested in locating a sign that is the same as their Salisbury location. He said that the sign would be relocated to the VDOT setback requirements. He said that they have approximately 120 vehicles on their sales lot, a shed sales business and an auto repair shop. There was no one signed up to speak for or against the application.

*Mrs. Kerns made the motion to approve the application as follows: After careful consideration of the application, the BZA votes to approve VAR-000005-2019 from Blankenship Auto for a variance to exceed the zoning ordinance by 96 square feet in accordance with Section 106-178 (n) (1) “Signs and Flags Permitted by Right in the Various Districts” with the stipulation that the location of said sign, including the overhang, be located at least 25’ behind the edge of the paved shoulder of Route 13, in the area as indicated on the site plan. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Bull and carried unanimously.*

Mr. Bull asked if there were plans underway to revise the ordinance to address the signage provisions of the ordinance. Mrs. Nunez responded that plans were underway to place it before the Board of Supervisors by the end of the year.

## **6. OTHER MATTERS**

No other matters.

## **7. NEXT MEETING**

The next regular Board of Zoning Appeals meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 7, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. in the Accomack County Board Chambers, Room 104, in Accomac.

## **8. ADJOURNMENT**

*On a motion made by Mrs. Kerns and seconded by Mr. Bull, the meeting was adjourned at 10:11 a.m.*

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Chair Robert L. Nock

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