

Shawnee Township Zoning Board of Appeals

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Board Members: *Thomas Bowman, Chet Ebling, Keaton Lehman, Earl Weigt, David Ryan*

Alternates: *Lynn Krohn, Richard Morrissey*

Zoning Inspector: *John Gosnell*

Meeting of June 22, 2010

The meeting was call to order by Acting Chairman Earl Weigt at 7:30 PM.

Members present:

Earl Weigt

Chet Ebling

Alt. Lynn Krohn

Alt. Richard Morrissey

Present for Fifth Third Bank from United Maier Signs:

Joseph A. Enzweiler

Also present:

Mark Jarvis, Shawnee Crossings, LLC

Mr. Weigt introduced the members of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Mr. Weigt noted that the purpose of the Public Hearing was to review the Variance petition of Fifth Third Bank for new signs to be erected at their location at 2450 Shawnee Road. Some of the proposed signs may be in conflict with Article XVIII of the Shawnee Township Zoning Resolution.

Mr. Weigt invited Joseph Enzweiler from United Maier Signs to make a presentation for Fifth Third Bank. Mr. Enzweiler stated that about two and a half years ago Fifth Third changed their colors and design. Fifth Third has been choosing locations in Kentucky and Ohio to erect new signs as their old signs have started to show their age.

The first sign discussed was 46017, a large double faced pylon sign. Mr. Enzweiler noted that a gas line had been recently discovered near the proposed location of the new sign and asked that they be allowed to move the sign up to twelve feet south. He asked that this request be made a part of the Variance petition. This was so noted by the Board as long as the as the sign is no closer to the road right-of-way. It was noted that the new sign is larger than permitted in Article XVIII.

Mr. Morrissey stated that moving the sign south would better place it on the property.

Various other signs were discussed.

Mr. Weigt said that he had a problem with the height of signs 46013, the Enter and Exit signs. The concern was particularly for the Exit sign which would be difficult to see over when exiting the bank. Mr. Enzweiler agreed to move both signs back twelve feet further from the right-of-way allowing a vehicle to pull beyond the signs to view traffic before pulling out onto the roadway. Mr. Weigt said this was OK.

Mr. Weigt asked why the Handicapped Parking sign (46011) was so high. Mr. Enzweiler said that many handicapped individuals use vans which are tall. He also noted that the signs are high so people walking by do not run into them. Mr. Weigt said that he thought it was OK to go with the Fifth Third proposal.

Mr. Weigt reviewed the exceptions to the Fifth Third proposal:

46017: The pylon sign may be moved up to twelve feet south but no closer to the road right-of-way.

46013: The Enter and Exit signs will be moved back twelve feet further from the road right-of-way.

Richard Morrissey made a motion that the Fifth Third Petition be accepted as amended. Motion was seconded by Lynn Krohn. The vote was unanimous 4 - 0.

Motion to adjourn was made by Chet Ebling, seconded by Richard Morrissey. Vote was unanimous: 4 – 0. Meeting was adjourned at 8:14 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
John R. Gosnell
Zoning Inspector
Shawnee Township

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Trustees

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