

Chair Lambert called the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. on February 21, 2012, in the Council Chambers of the Troy City Hall.

1. ROLL CALL

Present:

Michael Bartnik
 Kenneth Courtney
 William Fisher
 Allen Kneale
 David Lambert
 Thomas Strat
 Glenn Clark

Also Present:

Bruce Bloomingdale (Alternate)
 Orestis Kaltsounis (Alternate)
 Paul Evans, Zoning and Compliance Specialist
 Allan Motzny, Assistant City Attorney

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 17, 2012

Moved by Clark
 Seconded by Courtney

RESOLVED, to approve the January 17, 2012 meeting minutes as amended.

Yes: All

MOTION PASSED

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – No changes.

4. HEARING OF CASES

- A. VARIANCE REQUEST, ST. NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH, OPA!FEST, 760 W. WATTLES – In order to conduct an outdoor special event (Opa!Fest), a variance from the four (4) consecutive day maximum event duration, including setup and takedown, for any one event. The proposed event is to last for three (3) days, plus four (4) days devoted to setup and takedown. Because this is an annual event, applicant requests a multi-year variance.

Moved by Kneale
 Seconded by Strat

RESOLVED to grant the variance as requested for a 3 year period.

Moved by Bartnik
Seconded by Kneale

RESOLVED to amend the motion to grant the variance for a 1 year period.

Yes: Fisher, Kneale, Bartnik, Clark
No: Courtney Lambert, Strat

MOTION APPROVED

Moved by Kneale
Seconded by Strat

RESOLVED to grant the variance for a 1 year period.

Yes: All

MOTION APPROVED

- 5. COMMUNICATIONS – Chair Lambert acknowledged Board Members’ receipt of training provided by Oakland County.
- 6. PUBLIC COMMENT – There was no public comment.
- 7. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS – The Board discussed the role of the newly appointed Alternates. Items discussed included training, attendance policy, and processes for calling in absences. It was agreed that City Staff or the City Attorney would provide information on how other communities address the matter and any preferences. Once the Board decides on process, their Rules of Procedure should be amended.

Mr. Evans advised the Board that the City Attorney’s Office would provide information about the Open Meetings Act at the Board’s March meeting. He asked that if Board members desired additional information about any other relative subject, that they advise Staff.

- 8. ADJOURNMENT – The Zoning Board of Appeals meeting ADJOURNED at 8:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Lambert, Chair

Paul Evans, Zoning and Compliance Specialist