

Altoona Board of Adjustment Hearing – August 5, 2014 – 6:30 PM

Altoona City Hall

Members Present – Dale Sikes, John Rullman, Doug Teuber, Lea Morris, Robert Hall

Members absent – None

Staff Present – John Shaw, Chad Quick

Others Present – Mayor Skip Conkling

Chairman Rullman called hearing to order with all members present.

#1 Public hearing to consider a request for a conditional use permit from Adventurelands of America, Inc. for property at 443 34th Avenue SW. They are proposing to use the property for a gravel parking lot through December 2015.

Rullman read the emailed request from Jerry Oliver of Civil Engineering Consultants, project engineer representing Adventureland. The email was received today. The email states Adventureland requests the withdrawal of the Board of Adjustment request for the temporary parking located south of the water park. Sikes asked the reason for the withdrawal and Shaw said that Adventureland thought the Board could grant the request from the storm water requirements too but that is not under the Board's review. Rullman noted he had spoken with Shaw and Quick prior to the meeting and wonders if the Board could put a timeframe on the parking lot. Staff noted that Mr. Oliver had stated that Adventureland would like the ability to use the parking lot for the rest of this season and then cease use of the lot. Discussion followed.

Sikes questioned if the Board took action tonight, how does that impact how the City moves forward. Shaw was unable to answer that – staff does not know but will follow up with the City Attorney. Discussion then centered around if the Board has to accept the withdrawal, and if the Board does accept it, they have concerns about how long the parking lot will be used without approval. The Board has concerns about City liability. The Board then discussed limiting the length of use of the parking lot.

Sikes moved to accept the letter of withdrawal from Adventureland with the following condition: that Adventureland be notified by the City to cease and desist use of the gravel parking lot by 8 am on August 11, 2014. Seconded by Hall. Vote: Yes – Sikes, Hall, Morris, Teuber, Rullman. No – None.

#2 Hall moved to approve the minutes of the June 10, 2014 hearing as presented. Seconded by Teuber. Vote: Yes – Hall, Teuber, Rullman, Sikes, Morris. No – None.

#3. Next meeting/hearing will be Tuesday, September 9, 2014, if needed.

Mayor Conkling spoke thanking the Board for their service. He asked if the Board would be interested in another Board training, that it had been a few years. Rullman spoke on behalf of the Board saying that unless members had conflicts they would all try to attend.

Hearing Adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Chad Quick, City Planner