

CITY OF SULPHUR SPRINGS
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS AND APPEALS
MEETING MINUTES
MAY 19, 2009

Present: Joel Sheffield, David Watson Clayton McGraw, James Hulen, Jonathan Cooper, Gail Niergarth, Scott O'Neal

Staff: Johnny Vance, Dir. Community Dev., Jennifer Graham, Adm. Assist.

Others: Jim Hankins, Matthew Dennebaker, Kerry Rosenberry

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

ZBA Chairman Joel Sheffield called the meeting of the Zoning Board of Adjustments and Appeals to order at 5:30 P.M.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ZBA MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 16, 2008:

A motion was made by Clayton McGraw and seconded by James Hulen to approve the ZBA Meeting Minutes of December 16, 2008. Motion carried, all voting aye.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ZBA MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 17, 2009:

A motion was made by James Hulen and seconded by Jonathan Cooper to approve the ZBA Meeting Minutes of March 17, 2009. Motion carried, all voting aye.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ZBA CASE NO. 090501:

A motion was made by Jonathan Cooper and seconded by Clayton McGraw to approve a request by Jim & Dutch Hankins for a Special Use Permit to operate a Paint Ball Course at 201 Houston Street, being further described as Lot 3, Block 70-100. Mr. Hankins spoke on behalf of his request. He stated there would be a referee on the course at all times with the teams and there would be no loaded guns outside the perimeter allowed at any time. There will be a net fence 20' tall around the course but that if play on the courses affects a building or the street, 8' of netting at a 45 degree angle could be added. Originally business operating hours were from 12 noon to 11:00 pm everyday. Board Member James Hulen requested that the hours on Sundays not start until 1:00 pm and Mr. Hankins said he would follow that stipulation. There will be three courses, one large course that would accommodate 30 people and two smaller courses that would accommodate 20 people each. Mr. Hankins also said that the courses could be used by law enforcement for training drills if requested. If the lighting for the courses becomes an issue with the people living in housing near the course it would be addressed by Staff and Mr. Hankins at that time. Gary Spraggins spoke as the owner of the property and stated that he felt this would be a good addition to the city and would also bring in tourism. Motion carried, all voting aye.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

None

ADJOURN:

With no other business before the Board Chairman Joel Sheffield adjourned the meeting at 5:49 P.M.