

**MERRILLVILLE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28, 2023
6:30 PM**

Chairman Ric Holtz called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM and then led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Members in attendance were Chairman Ric Holtz, Vice Chairman Tim Fortier, Mr. William Byers, and Mr. Pete Guip.

MINUTES: MAY 24, 2023

Mr. William Byers made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Tim Fortier. The Board voted 4 – 0 to approve the minutes

COMMUNICATIONS:

NONE

COMMENTS FROM CHAIRMAN

Chairman Ric Holtz proceeded to say I will call each case by case by the case number. If you have any professionals with you that will be representing you they are more than welcome to present the case. Please state your name and address at the podium and please sign in at the registry in the center of the aisle. We will either make a decision for or against the petition, or we will not make a decision due to more information needed and we will recommend that the petition be deferred. Both cases tonight will need to go before the Town Council. Please silence any communication devices.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Z13E8-0623 MYESHA JONES PETITIONER & NOVOGRODER/WEST LAKE, LLC OWNER

Located at 8374 Louisiana Street

Request: Special Exception Approval from Section 21-136 on 1.389 Acres in A C-3, Highway Commercial Zoning District

Purpose: To Allow a Daycare Center

Myesha Jones came before the Board stating that she is proposing to open a licensed state of the art child care center for up to ninety nine children.

Building Director Sheila Shine read the Staff Report.

The petitioner stated that there should be ample parking for the clients and that the playground will be fenced in. She stated that the children will be dropped off at the front of the building.

There was a discussion about the traffic in the parking lot and possibly installing speed bumps.

The petitioner stated that she would follow the State mandated ratio and will have ten teachers per the ninety nine students. She continued that the infants would be in a room with cribs, and will be separated from the other children, but it is not decided which room will be designated for the infants.

Mr. Jim Dye of 8368 Louisiana Street stated that he is in favor of this project.

Ketura Moss of 1400 Pleasant Spring Lane, Dyer, Indiana spoke in favor of this petition.

D'Angelo Jones spoke in favor of this petition.

Vice Chairman Tim Fortier made a motion to approve this petition for this petitioner only, for this use only, and for this location only. Mr. Pete Guip seconded the motion. The Board voted 4 – 0 to approve this petition.

2. **Z14E9-0623** **ALFREIDA POINTER PETITIONER & HAL SCHWARTZ,**
OWNER

Located at 5429 Broadway
Request: Special Exception Approval from Section 21-136 on 0.796 Acres in a
 C-2, Community Commercial Zoning District
Purpose: To Allow a Certified Nursing Assistant Training Program

Alfreida Pointer Robins came before the Board. The petitioner stated that she has a home health care business with fifty staff members who go to the clients home to provide home health care. She also has the CNA Training which will be done at the proposed location of 5429 Broadway.

Mr. Michael Robins of 709 West 66th Place spoke in favor of the petitioner.

Vice Chairman Tim Fortier made a motion to approve this petition for this petitioner only, for this use only, and for this location only. Mr. William Byers seconded the motion. The Board voted 4 – 0 to approve this petition.

OTHER BUSINESS

NONE

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Pete Guip made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. William Byers seconded the motion. The Board voted 4 – 0 to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marie Wilson,
Recording Secretary