

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

Minutes

March 26, 2012

Eron Moore, Chairman	Present
Ronnie Allen	Present
Mark Burson	Present
John Pentecost	Present
Sandra Futch	Absent

Chairman Moore called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and declared a quorum present.

Mr. Moore asked for the approval of the agenda. A motion was made by Mr. Burson to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Allen. The motion carried. 3-0

Mr. Moore asked for the approval of the prior meeting minutes. A motion was made by Mr. Pentecost to approve the prior meeting minutes of January 30, 2012. The motion was seconded by Mr. Allen. The motion carried. 3-0

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **V-12-01**
Gene Romeo of Romeo's Pizza
139 S. Clayton Street
Lawrenceville, GA 30046
5-142-067

To allow the following:

- 1) Increase of maximum sign height from fifteen (15) feet to eighteen (18) feet
- 2) Reduction of minimum setback requirement from twenty (20) feet to eight (8) feet
- 3) Increase of maximum sign area from fifty-six (56) square feet to eighty-four (84) square feet

Mr. Moore asked the Planning Department for the staff report. Mr. Ferguson gave the recommendation for denial based on the applicant's actions creating the need for a variance.

Mr. Moore asked if the applicant was present. Mr. Gene Romeo gave the presentation and requested the approval of the variance due to a lack of visibility and other neighboring existing signs in the area.

Mr. Moore asked if there was any opposition. There was none. Mr. Moore asked if there was anyone else who would like to speak in favor of the variance request. Mr. Larry Troutman, owner of an adjacent business, spoke in favor of the request.

Mr. Moore asked if there were any questions from the Board. Mr. Pentecost asked the applicant if he had been told the sign ordinance requirements by the City prior to the action. Mr. Romeo stated that he had.

Mr. Moore then asked for a motion from the Board. Mr. Pentecost made a motion to approve the reduction of the minimum required setback from twenty (20) feet to eight (8) feet but to deny an increase of maximum sign height from fifteen (15) to eighteen (18) feet and to deny an increase of maximum sign area from fifty-six (56) square feet to eighty-four (84) square feet. The motion was seconded by Mr. Allen. The motion carried. 3-0

Mr. Moore asked if there were any other reports by staff or Board members. Mr. Ferguson stated that there had been no applications received by the Planning Department for the April meeting date and so there would not be a meeting.

Mr. Moore then called for a motion for adjournment. Mr. Pentecost made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Allen seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0

Eron Moore, Chairman

Joshua M. Ferguson,
Planning and Zoning Department