

**MINUTES OF THE
WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH
BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS
880 N. Alexander Ave. Port Allen, La 70767
Tuesday, June 21, 2022
5:00 PM**

The Following Minutes Are Summarized For Brevity, For Precise Meeting Information Please Refer To Meeting Audio Or Video.

1. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the West Baton Rouge Parish Board of Adjustments was held on Tuesday, June 21, 2022 and called to order at 05:01 PM.

2. SILENCE ALL CELL PHONES AND ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Chairman Rodrigue asked that all electronic devices be placed on silent.

3. ROLL CALL

The following members were recorded as being present: David Rodrigue, Steve Jones, Natashia Benoit, and Prince Gray.

Absent: Barry Wilkinson & Grover Harrison

Also present were, Mr. Kevin Durbin, Public Works Director, Mrs. Mallorie Davis, Secretary.

4. APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

A. Approve the minutes of April 19, 2022.

A motion was made by Steve Jones, seconded by Natashia Benoit to approve the minutes of April 19, 2022.

The vote was recorded as follows:

YEAS: 4 (David Rodrigue, Steve Jones, Natashia Benoit, Prince Gray)

NAYS: 0 (None)

ABSENT: 2(Barry Wilkinson, Grover Harrison)

ABSTAIN: 0

As a result of the votes, the motion **Passed**.

5. CORRESPONDENCE:

6. PUBLIC HEARING:

A. BOA File #2022-04: A variance to not erect a wooden fence between the RV Park and the adjacent residential district, for Tiger Bayou RV Park LLC at 9152 Hwy 190 W. Port Allen, LA 70767

The Chairman opened a public hearing for the purpose of receiving comment regarding the aforementioned item. Mrs. Lynn Ewing was present to represent the variance request. She explained her reasons for not putting up a fence along the tree line. She made it clear that they are not asking for a variance for a hardship, they are asking for a variance because the code requires them to erect an 8 foot wooden fence. There is over 300 feet of wooded area and also three pipelines along the property line. She stated the RV Park will erect a fence if the Board wants them to. Mrs. Jones spoke briefly regarding the fence vs. wooded area. Mr. Prince Gray stated his reason for abstaining his vote. No public comments for or against said ordinance were presented. No written protests opposing the ordinance were received. The Chairman at this point declared the Public Hearing closed.

A motion was made by Natashaia Benoit, seconded by Steve Jones to approve **BOA File #2022-04:** A variance to not erect a wooden fence between the RV Park and the adjacent residential district, for Tiger Bayou RV Park LLC at 9152 Hwy 190 W. Port Allen, LA 70767 .

The vote was recorded as follows:

YEAS: 3 (David Rodrigue, Steve Jones, Natashaia Benoit)

NAYS: 0 (None)

ABSENT: 2 (Barry Wilkinson, Grover Harrison)

ABSTAIN: 1 (Prince Gray)

As a result of the votes the motion Passed.

B. BOA File #2022-05: An appeal of the determination from the Director of The Office of Community Planning & Development, Section 108-1 – “Generally” (c) and Section 108-2.- “Application requirements” (4). for AT&T Mobility at 5151 Ellwood Brusly, LA 70719.

Mr. Grover Harrison arrived at the meeting and made present at 5:09 pm.

The Chairman opened a public hearing for the purpose of receiving comment regarding the aforementioned item. Mr. Chip Leyons, representative for AT&T, was recognized and gave his presentation to the Board. Mr. Kevin Durbin was questioned about his interpretation of a residential subdivision and he then read the definition under section 101-1 of the Parish code. He then read the written opinion from the Parish Attorney, Lou Delahaye. Mr. Brad Blanchard, adjacent property owner, was recognized and gave a powerpoint stating his reason for objecting to the site. There was lengthy discussion both for and against the aforementioned item. No other public comments for or against said ordinance were presented. No written protests opposing the ordinance were received. The Chairman at this point declared the Public Hearing closed

A motion was made by Steve Jones, seconded by Natashaia Benoit to deny **BOA File #2022- 05:** An appeal of the determination from the Director of The Office of Community Planning & Development, Section 108-1 – “Generally” (c) and Section 108-2.- “Application requirements” (4). for AT&T Mobility at 5151 Ellwood Brusly, LA 70719.

The vote was recorded as follows:

YEAS: 5 (Grover Harrison, David Rodrigue, Steve Jones, Natashaia Benoit, Prince Gray) NAYS: 0 (None)

ABSENT: 1 (Barry Wilkinson)

ABSTAIN: 0 (None)

As a result of the votes, the motion **Passed**.

7. ADJOURN

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Natashaia Benoit and was adopted by acclamation at 05:49 PM.

David Rodrigue, Chairman

Mallorie Davis, Secretary