

Staff Report – Board of Zoning Appeals

Docket #:	BZA2023-001	Hearing Date:	February 13, 2023
Applicant:	Derek Snyder, CrossRoad Engineers, 115 N. 17 th Ave, Beech Grove		
Owner:	Amanda Cottingham Johnson, 1464 W. Stones Crossing Road		
Subject Property Address:	1464 W. Stones Crossing Road		
Staff Contact:	Gabe Nelson, nelsong@greenwood.in.gov, 317-887-5231		

Request:

Petitioner is requesting variances from UDO Section 10-02-19 (A) Commercial Medium Format Development Standards, to reduce the side yard setback from 20' to 0', and Section 10-03-13 (C) Accessory Structures (10) to allow an accessory structure in a side yard.

Location:

The subject property is located at 1464 W. Stones Crossing Road. Parcel ID #41-04-12-034-054.000-041

See attached Exhibit A – Aerial Location Map

Indiana Code Reference(s):

Section 36-7-4-918.5 (Dimensional Variances)

Surrounding Land Uses:

A. Existing: Commercial, Medium (CM), Large Lot Residential
B. North: Commercial, Small (CS), Barn at Bay Horse Inn
C. South: Commercial, Large (LC,) Undeveloped Land
D. East: Residential, Large (RL), Large Lot Residential
E. West: Residential, Large (RL), Undeveloped Land

See Exhibit B: Zoning Map

Statutory Criteria:

- Indiana Code Section 36-7-4-918.5 Dimensional/Development Standard Variances may be approved only upon a determination in writing that:
 - 1. The approval will not be injurious to the public health, safety, morals, and general welfare of the community;
 - 2. The use and value of the area adjacent to the property included in the variance will not be affected in a substantially adverse manner
 - 3. The strict application of the terms of the Zoning Ordinance will result in practical difficulties in the use of the property.
- Indiana Code Section 8-21-10-3 No Hazard to Air Navigation (if applicable)
 - 1. The structure is regulated under Indiana Code 8-21-10-3 and the Board of Zoning Appeals has received a copy of the Determination of No Hazard to Air Navigation issued by the Federal Aviation Administration and the Board of Aviation Commissioners has been delivered notice in accordance with Indiana Code 8-21-10-3 not less than sixty days before the proposal is considered.

VARIANCE #1: To reduce the side yard setback from 20' to 0'

Greenwood Code References:

Unified Development Ordinance, Section 10-02-19 Commercial Medium Format Zone, Side Yard Setback. See Exhibit C: Site Plan

PETITIONER'S DETAILED STATEMENTS OF REASONS

1. The approval will not be injurious to the public health, safety, morals, and general welfare of the community because:

The accessory barn is an existing nonconforming structure that has been in place since 2013-2014 and has not been injurious to the public health, safety, morals, or general welfare to date. Furthermore, allowing the structure to remain in place and be incorporated into the redevelopment of the property will not be injurious because it does not negatively impact proposed public or private utilities, vehicular movements, morals, or general welfare of the proposed Shiloh's Corner development.

2. The use and value of the area adjacent to the property included in the variance will not be affected in a substantially adverse manner because:

The accessory barn is an existing nonconforming structure that has been in place since 2013-2014 and has not adversely impacted the use and value of the adjacent area to date; therefore, allowing the structure to remain in place and be incorporated into the redevelopment of the property will not adversely impact the adjacent area. Although the existing barn encroaches onto the adjoining property, the owner owns both properties and is working with the buyer/developer on an agreement to allow the existing barn to remain in place as part of the redevelopment.

3. The strict application of the terms of the zoning ordinance will result in practical difficulties in the use of the property because:

The intent is for the existing nonconforming structure to be re-used and incorporated into the redevelopment of the site into Shiloh's Corner (proposed commercial subdivision). In order to comply with the UDO, the barn would have to be reconstructed or relocated outside the setback. The age (less than 10 years old) and condition (excellent) of the existing barn do not necessitate a costly reconstruction or relocation; therefore, the strict application of the UDO would result in a practical difficulty.

4. The structure is/is not regulated under Indiana Code 8-21-10-3 for hazard air navigation.

Not applicable.

VARIANCE #2: To allow an accessory structure in a side yard

Greenwood Code References:

Unified Development Ordinance, Section 10-03-13 Accessory Uses and Structures, C. Accessory Structures, 10. Must be located in a rear yard. See Exhibit A: Aerial Location Map

1. The approval will not be injurious to the public health, safety, morals, and general welfare of the community because:

The accessory barn is an existing nonconforming structure that has been in place since 2013-2014 and has not been injurious to the public health, safety, morals, or general welfare to date. Furthermore, allowing the structure to remain in place and be incorporated into the redevelopment of the property will not be injurious because it

does not negatively impact proposed public or private utilities, vehicular movements, morals, or general welfare of the proposed Shiloh's Corner development.

2. The use and value of the area adjacent to the property included in the variance will not be affected in a substantially adverse manner because:

The accessory barn is an existing nonconforming structure that has been in place since 2013-2014 and has not adversely impacted the use and value of the adjacent area to date; therefore, allowing the structure to remain in place and be incorporated into the redevelopment of the property will not adversely impact the adjacent area. Although the existing barn encroaches onto the adjoining property, the owner owns both properties and is working with the buyer/developer on an agreement to allow the existing barn to remain in place as part of the redevelopment.

3. The strict application of the terms of the zoning ordinance will result in practical difficulties in the use of the property because:

The intent is for the existing nonconforming structure to be re-used and incorporated into the redevelopment of the site into Shiloh's Corner (proposed commercial subdivision). In order to comply with the UDO, the barn would have to be reconstructed or relocated outside the setback. The age (less than 10 years old) and condition (excellent) of the existing barn do not necessitate a costly reconstruction or relocation; therefore, the strict application of the UDO would result in a practical difficulty.

4. The structure is/is not regulated under Indiana Code 8-21-10-3 for hazard air navigation.

Not applicable.

Comments and Findings:

Staff finds no issue with the applicant's statements of reason. The two variance requests are basically asking for the same thing, which is to allow the existing barn to remain in its current location after the property is redeveloped. The attached site plan provides an idea of where the barn will be situated in relation to the planned development, where it will serve as an accessory structure. The property to the north is under the same ownership, so it will not cause any hardship to the nearest neighboring property.

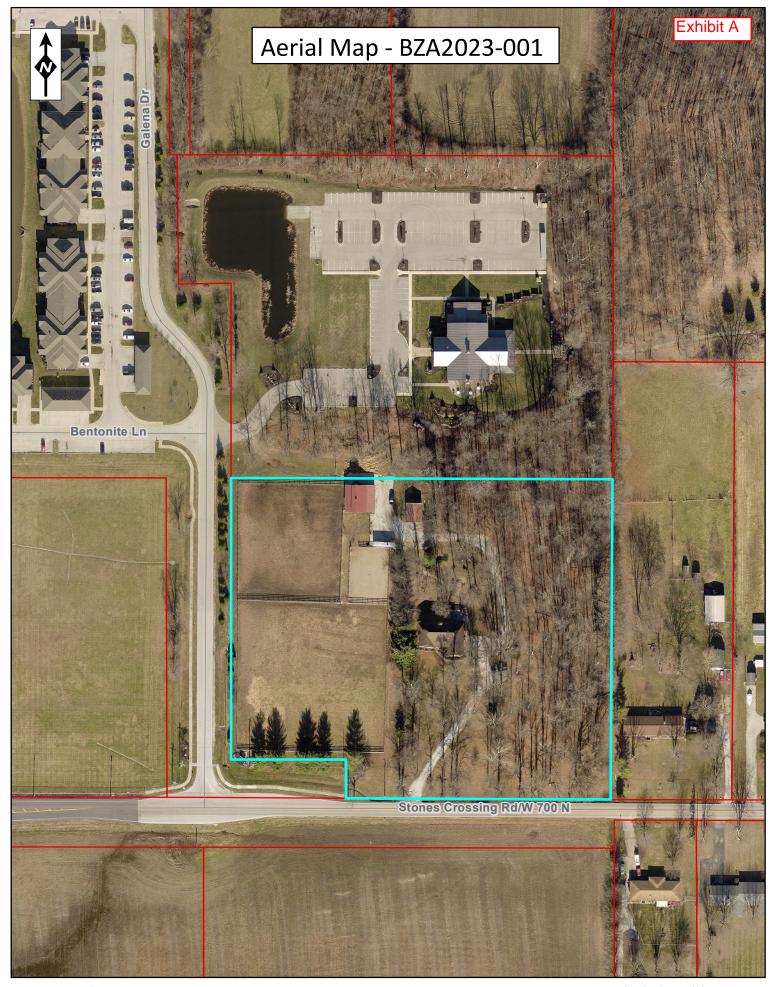
Summary and Proposed Conditions:

Staff provides a positive recommendation for both variances with no conditions.

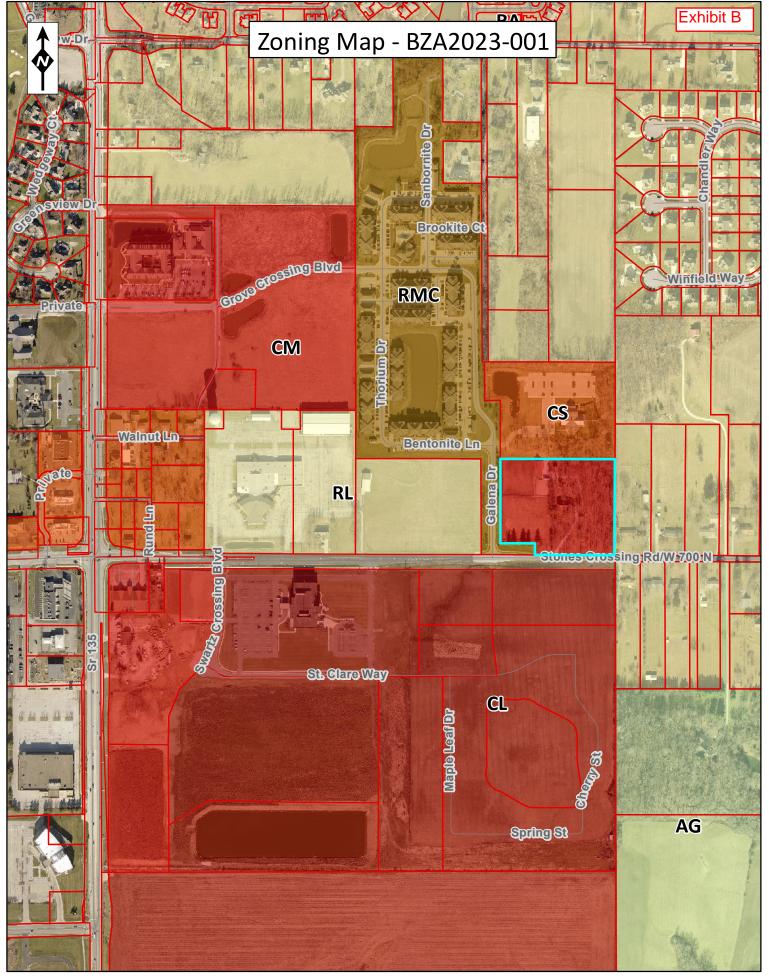
Attachments:

Exhibit A: Aerial Location Map

Exhibit B: Zoning Map Exhibit C: Site Plan



1 inch = 150 feet



1 inch = 500 feet

