

March 5, 2019

Board of Zoning Appeals  
City of Bridgeport  
County of Harrison  
State of West Virginia

The Bridgeport Board of Zoning Appeals conducted a public hearing Tuesday, March 5, 2019, at 6:02 p.m. in Bridgeport City Hall, 515 West Main Street, with the following members attending: Chairman Meredith McCarthy, Members Ryan Haws, Sam Spatafore. Vice Chairman Richard Forren was absent.

Also attending were Brandi Post, 124 E. Main Street, Jacquie Schirripa, 208 E. Main Street, Doug Marquette, 120 E. Main Street, and Tyler Suzanne Grogg, Secretary to the Board.

At 6:02 p.m. Chairman Meredith McCarthy called the meeting to order and everyone wishing to speak was sworn in.

**1. PUBLIC HEARING: Consider the request of Brandi Post, 124 East Main Street, for a variance to serve alcohol to the patrons of Winnie's.**

- Ms. Brandi Post stated Winnie's is a juice bar and café that will serve specialty foods, such as salads, sandwiches, shakes, smoothies and Asia bowls. She would like to request this variance to serve wine and spiked sparkling water to compliment the food that will be served and to bring more foot traffic to the Main Street area. Winnie's will operate on normal business hour, 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., seven days a week. They will not have bar hours and they will not sell any hard liquor, only a few selected wines, spiked waters, and kombucha teas. Winnie's will be able to accommodate 15 to 20 people at once and has two bar tables and five (5) 2' x 2' tables. No alcohol will be allowed to leave the premises.
- Chairman Meredith McCarthy asked if Ms. Post had applied for her state license. Ms. Brandi Post stated yes, all she is waiting on is her permit from the Health Department.
- Doug Marquette, Marquette Insurance, stated Main Street Fitness has been in business for four (4) years and he is anticipating that a significant portion of the cliental of Winnie's will be the cliental of Main Street Fitness. The cliental are health people, they are not people who want to drink to get drunk. He explained that he has been in business when the bars were on Main Street, he had experienced property damages and threats. He does not believe this will be the case if this request is granted and encourages the board to grant the variance. He also stated the atmosphere of Winnie's looks like a European café and people will feel comfortable dinking a cup of coffee or wine there.
- Doug Marquette also presented the board with a letter from Mark & Judy Bonamico, business owners on Main Street, who are also in favor of this request being granted.
- Member Sam Spatafore made a motion to approve the variance to allow alcohol to be served to the patrons of Winnie's with the stipulations that no alcohol will leave the premises of Winnie's, Winnie's will operate on normal business hours of 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., and Ms. Brandi Post must receive her state approved ABC license. Motion was second by Member Ryan Haws and unanimously approved.

**2. Consider the request of Meranda and Craig Chipps, 618 Stout Street, for a zoning variance to construct a new house.**

- Chairman Meredith McCarthy stated the request of Meranda and Craig Chipps was previous tabled, but the request has been withdrawn.
- Member Ryan Haws made a motion to withdraw the Chipps' request. Motion was second by Member Sam Spatafore and unanimously approved.

### 3. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the October 23, 2018 Board of Zoning Appeals meeting were unanimously approved on a motion by Member Ryan Haws, seconded by Member Sam Spatafore.

### 4. Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman for Calendar Year 2019.

The election of Chairman and Vice Chairman for the calendar year 2019 was held. Member Sam Spatafore volunteered for Chairman, seconded by Member Ryan Haws. Member Ryan Haws volunteered for Vice Chairman, seconded by Member Sam Spatafore.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m. on a motion by Member Ryan Haws, seconded by Member Sam Spatafore, and was unanimously approved.



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Sam Spatafore, Chairman

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