

**TOWN OF MANLIUS
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
January 21, 2016**

The minutes of the Town of Manlius Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting held on January 21, 2016 in the Town Hall, 301 Brooklea Drive, Fayetteville, New York. Those present were:

	Chairman	Henry McIntosh
	Member	KP Kelly
	Member	T.R. Schepp
Absent	Member	Al Ruthig
	Member	Jim Campbell
	Secretary	Deborah Witzel
Absent	Code Enforcement Officer	Michael Jones

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ZBA Organizational 2016

1. The Town Board on January 6, 2016 appointed Henry McIntosh Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals for a period of 1 year to expire on 12/31/2016
2. The Town Board on January 6, 2016 appointed T. R. Schepp as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals for a period of 5 years to expire on 12/31/20
3. The Town Board on January 6, 2016 appointed Frateschi Law Firm as the Attorney for the Zoning Board of Appeals
4. The Town Board on January 6, 2016 appointed Deborah Witzel as Secretary to the Zoning Board of Appeals.
5. The Zoning Board on of Appeals 2016 Meeting Schedule is to be held on the 3rd Thursday of every month and will meet at 7:00PM at the Manlius Town Hall
6. Chairman McIntosh appointed Al Ruthig as Deputy Chairperson

Board Discussion:

Chairman McIntosh reviewed the discussion from the Town Board Meeting held on January 13, 2016 concerning LED lights, the Town Board purposed the following modification to code § 155-25 Permanent Signs:

Light emitting diode (LED) display signs, or signs similar in technology as determined by the Code Enforcement Officer, that scroll, move, display animation, or change pictures or script shall be prohibited in the Town of Manlius.

Chairman McIntosh stated the Town Board seemed split on the sign issue. Town Board did discuss the level of brightness of the lights and having it brighter during the day and lower at night. Also if the signs are too close to the road they could be dangerous to motorists. The Town Board is having

a public hearing on February 10, 2016 to discuss LED lights. Chairman McIntosh stated he will be attending the meeting and asked if anyone had any input to give to the Town Board.

Member Schepp stated the ZBA went through 3 meetings in 2014 and reasoned and rationed through a process of discussions of what LED meant. Member Schepp stated this was outlined in his email to the Town Board. Should the minutes from the May 15, 2014, April 17, 2014 and March 20, 2014 meetings should be sent to the Town Board so they can understand the depth of the conversation the ZBA had about the lights.

Member Schepp questioned if the Town Board came to the decision to ban LED lights because they feel the lights are bad and was the decision based on facts. They use these lights on 690, in the Town of DeWitt, Town of Manlius Police use these lights for speed control, construction sites and ESM Schools. Banning LED lights is short sighted.

Chairman McIntosh stated he cannot see outlawing these signs completely.

ZBA Members asked how many accidents or incidents have happened because of LED lights and how many complaints have been submitted?

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Member Campbell informed the board that he would be gone for the months of February and March.

Board Action:

Because there will be two members absent in February, Member Kelly made a motion seconded by Member Schepp to move the February 18, 2016 meeting to February 25, 2016.

The board asked Clerk Witzel to gather information on incidents, accidents or complaints stemming from the LED lights located at the ESM schools and the district office.

The Board voted as follows:

Chairman McIntosh	aye
Member Kelly	aye
Member Campbell	aye
Member Schepp	aye

The motion was carried.

Adjournment

With there being no other business, Member Ruthig made a motion, seconded by Member Kelly, and carried unanimously, to end the meeting at 7:12pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Witzel, Clerk
Town of Manlius Zoning Board of Appeals