

Manheim Township Zoning Hearing Board Minutes
Monday, April 4, 2011
6:30 P.M.

Attendance:

Michael Winters	Present
Patrick Trimble	Present
David Wood	Absent
Edward Hoover	Present
Robert Byram	Present
Helen Adams, Alternate	Present

Acting Chairperson Patrick Trimble opened the Zoning Hearing Board meeting, requested a roll call, explained the Zoning Hearing Board meeting process, and announced the agenda.

Joshua Bower representing Manheim Township School District
R-3, 450A Candlewyck Road

Case 11-09

Joshua Bowers was sworn in for testimony.

Mr. Bowers explained that the Manheim Township School District is requesting to construct a building sign increasing the square footage of the sign from the permitted 40 square feet to the proposed 73 square feet.

Mr. Bowers stated the following: The School District would like to place the 73 square foot sign above the main entrance of the Manheim Township School District office building to avoid confusion from where to enter the building. The sign will guide you to the front entrance. A forty square foot sign would be difficult to see from the parking lot or from Candlewyck Road. The proposed sign would be approximately 300 feet from Candlewyck Road. The 73 square foot sign is two percent of the total building size. A freestanding sign is planned to be placed at the office building parking lot entrance at Candlewyck Road to direct the vehicles to the main entrance of the office building.

The Board questioned Mr. Bowers if the sign has already been erected. Mr. Bowers admitted that the sign has already been placed on the building. Mr. Bowers stated that there was confusion with the contractor and construction document.

The Board questioned the Bucher school construction regarding the driveway and parking area. Joseph Kurjiaka of the Manheim Township School District explained the bus parking and traffic pattern on the property.

Neighbor, Michael Gish stated the following: What is the school district trying to achieve with this building sign, when another sign would be placed at Candlewyck Road? The proposed cannot be seen anyway and making the sign larger would not accomplish anything.

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Lisa Douglas, Director of Manheim Township Planning and Zoning Department, stated that the sign is not altering the character of the neighborhood.

Mr. Winters moved to approve the request to permit a variance to section 1805.2 Table 2 Part B to permit an increase of maximum building signage size from 40 square feet to 73 square feet, for the Manheim Township School District administrative office building consistent with the exhibits and testimony presented before the Board this evening. Mr. Byram seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0.

The meeting adjourned at 6:47 PM. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Monday, May 2, 2011 at 6:30 P.M.

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