

**BLOUNT COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS  
REGULAR MEETING  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 2012**

BZA MEMBERS PRESENT: Andy Allen, Larry Chesney, Stan Headrick, Jim Melton

The minutes from the previous meeting were read and a motion to approve was made by Stan Headrick with a second by Andy Allen. The members voted unanimously to accept the minutes from the last meeting.

**CASES BEING HEARD AND ACTIONS TAKEN:**

- 1. SPECIAL EXCEPTION: ONE**
- 2. VARIANCE: TWO**

***Special Exception:***

1. Jean S. Brooks is requesting a special exception for a family commercial enterprise for an automobile repair shop to be located at 688 Long Hollow Road.

--Tom Sheldon represented the property owner and spoke in favor of the request.

--Stan Headrick made a motion to approve the special exception. Larry Chesney made a second.

Vote: Andy Allen	YES
Larry Chesney	YES
Stanley Headrick	YES
Jim Melton	YES

The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

***Variance:***

1. Don Headrick is requesting a variance to allow a commercial campground on his property located at 121 Cameron Road.

--Steve Headrick spoke in favor of the request.

--Don Headrick spoke in favor of the request.

--Jim Melton made a motion to defer action until such time that the Planning or County Commission develops specific criteria on where, how and when public campgrounds can be located. Larry Chesney made a second. Blount County Building Commissioner Roger Fields pointed out that the Blount County Zoning Regulations require that a deferred item have action taken within 60 days of the hearing unless the applicant requests an extension of time. Jim Melton withdrew his motion based upon the deferral needing action within a specific time.

Andy Allen made a motion to deny the request based on the request being illegal for the Board to approve. Larry Chesney made a second.

Vote:	Andy Allen	YES
	Larry Chesney	YES
	Stanley Headrick	YES (due to the fact that the Board isn't allowed to approve this request)
	Jim Melton	YES (due to the fact that the Board isn't allowed to approve this request)

The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

The BZA would like the minutes to reflect that they would like to see campgrounds be added back to the zoning regulations as a special exception. They also requested that the chairman of the Board draft a letter to the ad hoc committee for campgrounds requesting this change.

2. Shannon Cheshire is requesting a variance from the front building setback requirements at 205 Keith Road.

--Shannon Cheshire spoke in favor of the request.

--Stan Headrick made a motion to approve. Larry Chesney made a second.

Vote:	Andy Allen	YES
	Larry Chesney	YES
	Stanley Headrick	YES
	Jim Melton	YES

The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED.