

Smyth County Board of Zoning Appeals Tuesday, January 3, 2023

The Smyth County Board of Zoning Appeals met Tuesday, January 3, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. in the Smyth County Office Building.

BZA Members Present: Chairman John DeBusk III, Saltville District; Bill Moss, Atkins District; Robert Shults, Park District; Newell Johnson, Royal Oak District; Daniel Sturgill, Rye Valley District.

BZA Alternate Members: Three vacancies (non-district specific)

BZA Members Absent: Kim Davidson, Chilhowie District and Jerl Armstrong, North Fork District

Staff Members Present: Clegg Williams and Becca Creasy

At approximately 5:30 p.m. Chairman John DeBusk III called the meeting to order.

Agenda: Mr. DeBusk asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Shults made a motion to approve the agenda and it was seconded by Mr. Moss. The following vote was recorded:

5 yeas:	DeBusk, Sturgill, Shults, Moss, Johnson
0 nays	
2 absent	Davidson, Armstrong

Appointment of Temporary Chair: Chairman DeBusk called the meeting to order and appointed Clegg Williams as temporary Chair.

Election of Officers:

Chairman: Mr. Williams opened the floor for nominations of Chairman for calendar year 2023. Mr. DeBusk nominated Mr. Bob Shults for Chairman; it was seconded by Mr. Johnson. With no other nominations, the nominations for Chairman were closed. The following vote was recorded:

4 yeas:	DeBusk, Sturgill, Moss, Johnson
0 nays	
1 abstain	Shults
2 absent	Davidson, Armstrong

Mr. Williams then turned the meeting over to Mr. Shults.

Vice Chairman and Secretary: Chairman Bob Shults opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chairman. Mr. Newell Johnson made a motion to keep all officers in the same position for 2023. His motion was seconded by Mr. DeBusk and unanimously carried thereby Mr. Dan Sturgill as Vice Chairman and Mr. Kim Davidson as Secretary for calendar year 2023.

Clerk: Chairman Bob Shults opened the floor for nominations for Clerk for calendar year 2023. Mr. Sturgill nominated Becca Creasy for Clerk; it was seconded by Mr. Moss. The following vote was recorded:

5 yeas:	DeBusk, Sturgill, Shults, Moss, Johnson
0 nays	

2 absent Davidson, Armstrong

Approval of minutes: Mr. DeBusk made the motion to approve the minutes of January 4, 2022 which was seconded by Mr. Sturgill. The following vote was recorded:

5 yeas: DeBusk, Sturgill, Shults, Moss, Johnson
0 nays
2 absent Davidson, Armstrong

Set Calendar for 2024: Meetings for calendar year 2024 were scheduled for the first Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. when an application is filed; otherwise, the next meeting will be held January 2, 2024. Mr. Moss made the motion to approve calendar for 2024 and seconded by Mr. DeBusk. The following vote was recorded:

5 yeas: DeBusk, Johnson, Sturgill, Shults, Moss
0 nays
2 absent Davidson, Armstrong

Review and Adopt 2023 Operating Procedures: Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve the Operating Procedures as presented, seconded by Mr. Moss, The following vote was recorded:

5 yeas: DeBusk, Johnson, Sturgill, Shults, Moss
0 nays
2 absent Davidson, Armstrong

Other Business: Mr. DeBusk expressed his interest in being reappointed at the end of his term on January 31, 2023.

With no other business or discussions, at approximately 5:45 p.m. Chairman Bob Shults adjourned the meeting.



Secretary