

The meeting of the Berne Board of Zoning Appeals was held on Monday the 12th day of March, 2012 at 6:30 P.M. in the Conference Room at City Hall, Berne Indiana.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Tony Mellencamp	Jerry Burke
Don Sipe	
Tom Stuber	

**MEMBERS NOT PRESENT**

Ned Liechty	Mike Habegger
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**STAFF PRESENT**

Director, Shannon Smitley	Attorney, Jim Beitler
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**Present from the City of Berne**

Mayor Bill McKean	Kurt Dailey
Gregg Sprunger	

**GUESTS PRESENT**

Paul Yoder, IT Specialist Family Life Center, 205 W Water Street

After opening with prayer, the meeting was called to order and a quorum was verified.

**Reorganization of the Board**

On a motion by Tony and a second by Tom and unanimously approved, Ned Liechty will remain as President. 4-0

On a motion by Don and a second by Tom and unanimously approved, Tony Mellencamp will serve as Vice President. 4-0

On a motion by Tony and a second by Tom and unanimously approved, Don Sipe will remain as Secretary of Record. 4-0

**Public Hearing BZA 2012-1 Contingent Use Request filed by Family Hospice of Northeast Indiana, 265 W. Water Street, Berne, Indiana**

Paul Yoder, representing Family Hospice of Northeast Indiana, explained to the board their plans to move an existing communications tower located at the former Lehman Heating and Plumbing site to the Family Hospice office at 256 W. Water Street. They need the tower to be able to communicate with a new office they have purchased and are opening at 168 W. Main Street in Berne. Paul informed the board that the tower has a 3 foot triangular base, approximately 100 foot high, and much like a TV tower. Paul reported that the tower is crucial in the daily operation of phones, computers and secure, stable internet connections for the two locations while providing a cost saving to the Family Hospice of NE Indiana. When asked about the location of the tower, Paul said that it will be installed on the back corner of the property which is the least visible in the area.

After the reading of the Finding of the Facts and hearing all of those wishing to be heard and on a motion by Don and a second by Tom, BZA 2012-1 Contingent Use Request filed by Family Hospice of Northeast Indiana, 265 W. Water Street, Berne, Indiana was unanimously approved as presented.. 4-0

## **REGUALR MEETING**

**Approval of Minutes** On a motion by Tom and a second by Don the minutes from the BZA meeting of December 12, 2011 were unanimously approved.

**New Business** None

**Old Business-** None

**Closing of Meeting.** Therefore, upon a motion by Jerry and seconded by Don and unanimously carried, the agenda was incorporated into the minutes, and upon a motion by Don and seconded by Tom and unanimously carried the meeting was adjourned.