

NEW WHITELAND BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
AUGUST 26, 2025
PUBLIC HEARING

6:30 pm

President, Mike Ryle began the August meeting at 6:30 pm. Members present were Bill Conner, Mike Combs, Christy Ward and Mike Ryle. Attorney, Lee Robbins was not in attendance.

MINUTES:

Christy Ward motioned to approve the minutes as presented from the last meeting. Bill Conner seconded the motion. Vote was 4 affirmative.

VARIANCE #25-V-01 / BREAKING BREAD APOSTOLIC CHURCH / DAVID GILMAN

Mike Ryle opened the Public Hearing at 6:32 pm. David Gilman is representing Breaking Bread Apostolic Church in filing a variance for an outdoor playground area for a daycare.

Mr. Gilman states that the Breaking Bread Church is going to operate a daycare service to the general public. Mr. Gilman went over the handout with the members.

Mr. Gilman stated that the applicant is requesting a dimensional variance to allow an outdoor play area and learning environment for a new childcare facility within the church. All childcare facilities are required to have an outdoor active as well as passive learning environment for the children as part of the licensing requirements as administered ordered by the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration.

The childcare use is a permitted use within the General Business district, but the required outdoor area will require a dimensional variance from the Board of Zoning Appeals. The outdoor area will be completely enclosed with a 48-inch black vinyl coated chain link fence with locked gates. The outdoor area will only be accessible from the inside of the childcare facility.

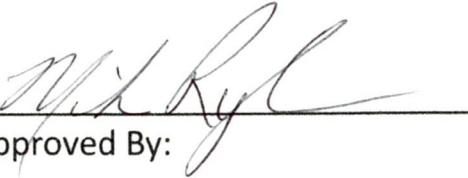
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Without the grant of the variance, the childcare facility cannot meet the licensing requirement of the FSSA and, therefore, will not be able to provide this needed service to its members or the community. The BZA granted a similar variance approval for an outdoor play area across the parking lot for the stepping Stones Daycare.

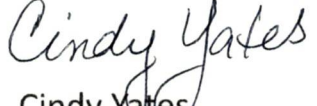
David Gilman states the existing mini barn will stay. The playground will be between the mini barn and the building. David Gilman went over the Finding of Facts with the board members. Brianna & John Biddle were in attendance. Brianna Biddle will run the daycare and John Biddle is the pastor of the church.

There will be protective ground covering and some table and benches in this playground area. The state requirement is 75 square feet per child, maximum of 15 children at one time. The church is good with that.

Mike Ryle motioned to approve the variance for the Apostolic Church to have an outdoor playground. Christy Ward seconded the motion. Vote was 4 affirmative. Meeting adjourned at 6:39 pm.


Approved By:

Respectfully submitted:


Cindy Yates
Recording Secretary