

CITY OF GERMANTOWN  
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CITY HALL  
Tuesday, July 13, 2021  
6:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order: Chairman Jodie Bowden called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. Roll Call and Establishment of a Quorum: Regina Gibson called the roll and established a quorum.

Members Present: Chairman Jodie Bowden; Vice Chairman Frank Uhlhorn; Vice Mayor Mary Anne Gibson; Greg Hurley; Mike Harless; Laura Meanwell; and Richard Towne.

Staff Present: Sarah Goralewski, Planning Division Manager; Regina Gibson, Office Manager; and Alan Strain, Assistant City Attorney.

3. Approval of the Minutes

Richard Towne moved to approve the Board of Zoning and Appeals minutes of May 11, 2021, seconded by Vice Chairman Frank Uhlhorn.

ROLL CALL:

Harless – Yes  
Hurley – Yes  
Uhlhorn – Yes  
Towne – Yes  
Meanwell – Yes  
Gibson – Yes  
Bowden - Yes

**MOTION PASSED 7-0-0**

4. Case Number/Project Name: (19-946) Evangelical Christian School (ECS)  
Location: 1920 Forest Hill-Irene Rd.  
Property Owner/Applicant: ECS – Braxton Brady, Head of School  
Request: Approval of a Variance to Allow a Fence Over 30” in the Front Yard Setback in the “R” Low-Density Single Family Residential Zoning District.

\*Refer to complete application, plans and staff report on file.

Sarah Goralewski made a staff presentation.

The applicant’s representative Scott Vogel, ECS Athletic Director, 1920 Forest Hill-Irene Rd, Germantown, TN 38139, made a presentation and answered questions.

The Board asked questions of the applicant and staff.

Chairman Jodie Bowden opened the public hearing. No one spoke in favor or against this item.

Chairman Jodie Bowden closed the public hearing and called for a motion.

MOTION:

Vice Chairman Frank Uhlhorn moved to approve a variance to allow a 4’ high ornamental black steel fence to be 20’ from the front property line at Evangelical Christian School (ECS) at 1920 Forest Hill-Irene Rd. in the “R” Low-Density Single-Family Residential zoning district, subject to the Board’s

discussion, staff comments noted in the staff report and the site plan submitted with the application, seconded by Richard Towne.

Mike Harless requested an amendment to the motion.

Vice Chairman Frank Uhlhorn agreed to the amendment of the motion approving a variance to allow a 4' high ornamental black steel fence to be a minimum of 20' from the front property line at Evangelical Christian School (ECS at 1920 Forest Hill-Irene Rd in the "R" Low-Density Single-Family Residential zoning district, subject to the Board's discussion, staff comments noted in the staff report and the site plan submitted with the application, seconded by Richard Towne.

**ROLL CALL:**

Towne – Yes, due to the extraordinary and exceptional situation, peculiar and exceptional practical difficulties.

Meanwell – Yes, same as previously stated and for safety of the children.

Uhlhorn – Yes, same as previously stated.

Hurley – Yes, due to the exceptional narrowness, shallowness, or shape, peculiar and exceptional practical difficulties especially for the safety of the children.

Harless – Yes, due to the exceptional narrowness, shallowness or shape, peculiar and exceptional practical difficulties, and safety of the children.

Gibson – Yes, as previously stated by other board members.

Bowden – Yes, as previously stated by other board members.

**MOTION PASSED 7-0-0**

5. **Old Business**

Chairman Jodie Bowden asked if there was any old business. There was none.

6. **New Business**

Chairman Jodie Bowden asked if there was any new business. There was none.

7. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, comments or questions by the Commission, Chairman Jodie Bowden adjourned the meeting at 6:23 p.m.