

**Board of Zoning Appeals  
Town of Easton  
Tuesday, June 7, 2016**

**OPEN SESSION MINUTES**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Mr. Molchan, Vice Chairman called the regularly scheduled meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, June 7, 2016 in the Town Council Chambers in the Town Office Building.

In attendance were:

Board of Zoning Appeals Members: Gary Molchan, Vice Chairman, Charles Fitzgerald and Tom Moore.

Staff: Lynn Thomas, Brett Ewing and Stacie Rice.

The Board voted unanimously to approve the May 17, 2016 minutes.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**BOZA Case No. SE-778 – 5 Goldsborough Street**

Paul Spies with Triple Creek Winery was present at the meeting regarding property located at 5 Goldsborough Street Easton, MD. The property is located in the CR Zoning District. Mr. Spies explained he is before the Commission with a request to operate a wine tasting room. Mr. Spies explained that Triple Creek Winery is based in Cordova, where they hold wine tastings and events. They are looking to expand their business and felt downtown Easton would be a good location for the tasting room. He stated they will be open Monday through Sunday. He stated that larger events would be held at their Cordova location, since that location can hold more people. He stated that they may hold events at the Goldsborough Street location, but on a much smaller scale. Mr. Spies explained that the winery has all the licenses necessary for the sale of alcohol.

Mr. Spies addressed the criteria as set out in Article XIII, Section 1303.5 B 6 provisions for granting a Special Exception.

Upon consideration of all the evidence and testimony presented at the meeting, Mr. Molchan made a motion to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fitzgerald and carried on a vote of 3-0.

**BOZA Case No. SE-777 – 31 Jowite Street**

Derick Daly and Dick Firth with Building African American Minds (BAAM) were present at the meeting regarding property located at 31 Jowite Street Easton, MD. The property is located in the R-7A Zoning District. The owner of the property is C&M Real Estate, LLC. Mr. Daly explained he is seeking a Special Exception to establish an education outreach program for young African American males at high risk for academic failure. He stated that the program partners with local faith based organizations, educators, parents, and citizens. Mr. Daly stated that BAAM is currently held at Easton Elementary School and has been operating for 13 years. The program is looking to expand and have their own location. They stated that parking will not be an issue. Mr. Firth stated that he is a supporter of BAAM and stated it would be great for BAAM to have their own space and hopes it will be the foundation of the community.

Mr. Ronald Hayman stated that BAAM is a fantastic program. His grandson is in the program and has seen how BAAM has helped him. Debra Short, Director of BAAM stated that she currently operated out of a room in her home. Looking forward to having their own location.

Mr. Daly addressed the criteria as set out in Article XIII, Section 1303.5 B 6 provisions for granting a Special Exception.

Upon consideration of all the evidence and testimony presented at the meeting, Mr. Fitzgerald made a motion to approve the Applicant's request for a Special Exception. The motion was seconded by Mr. Moore and carried on a vote of 3-0.

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

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Submitted by

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Date