

**MINUTES**  
**MADISONVILLE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS**  
**October 20, 2015**

**Members Present**

James Lee, Chairman  
Marilyn Atkins, Vice Chair  
Tony Wilson, Secretary  
Jack Harrill  
Susan Saunders  
Larry Smades

**Members Absent**

Shan Harris  
Linda Garrett-Hensley  
Glenn Moser, Mayor

**Others Present**

Ruth Viergutz Hawk, Planner  
Greg Altum, Press

**Citizens Present**

Roxanne Sherlin, Reed Dixon, Pat Stanley, Brenda White, Edna Hunt, Dawn Watson, Tom Hendershot, Pat Pennington, Dennis Atkins

**CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chairman Lee called the meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals to order at 6:00 p.m. Commissioner Harrill moved to approve the September 21, 2015, Board of Zoning Appeals minutes as presented. Commissioner Smades seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON NEW EVIDENCE REGARDING INTERPRETATION OF THE MADISONVILLE ZONING ORDINANCE, SECTION 11-402. CUSTOMARY HOME OCCUPATIONS, AS TO WHETHER A MASSAGE THERAPIST PRACTICE IS A SIMILAR USE TO THE USES EXPRESSLY ALLOWED AS HOME OCCUPATIONS**

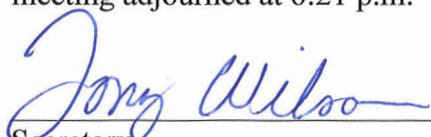
**(Reed Dixon/Roxanne Sherlin, Applicant)**

Chairman Lee introduced the agenda item. Reed Dixon, attorney for Ms. Sherlin, asked the Board to reconsider their decision that a massage therapist practice is not a similar use to the uses listed in the ordinance. Mr. Dixon stated that a massage therapist is most similar to the uses listed in 1.e. Massage therapy is part of a physician's services, as would be a chiropractor and a physical therapist. He stated that the use would not have any external signs, would be by appointment only, would not increase traffic, and would cause no visual blight to the building. He added that Ms. Sherlin is licensed by the State of Tennessee and he asked the Board members how this use is different than the occupations listed. A lengthy discussion followed.

Chairman Lee stated the floor was open for a motion to change the decision from last month. No motion was made.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Saunders moved to adjourn. Commissioner Harrill seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

  
Secretary

11-18-2015  
Date