

Harpers Ferry Board of Zoning Appeals
Administrative Meeting August 3, 2026

Meeting Minutes

Location: Town Hall

Call to order and attendees - The hearing was called to order at 6:30 pm by Ed Wheelless.

SEAT 1: Ed Wheelless (term expires 1 Jan 2029) – PRESENT

SEAT 2: Bart Wheatley (term expires 1 Jan 2029) – ABSENT

SEAT 3: Eddie Love (term expires 1 Jan 2027) - PRESENT

SEAT 4: Lynn Pechuekonis (term expires 1 Jan 2028) –PRESENT

SEAT 5: Kurt Christensen (term expires 1 Jan 2028) - PRESENT

BZA Alternates

ALT SEAT 1: (vacant) (term expires 1 Jan 2027)

ALT SEAT 2: (vacant) (term expires 1 Jan 2028)

ALT SEAT 3: (vacant) (term expires 1 Jan 2026)

The administrative meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.

Approval of minutes –Lynn Pechuekonis moved to accept the minutes of the May 26, 2026, hearing and administrative meeting. Eddie Love seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Draft Resolution regarding ZPCA No. 2026-014-V. – Lynn moved to accept the Resolution as proposed; Kurt Christensen seconded the motion; Eddie Love abstained; approved unanimously.

Discussion and action on recommendation to Town Council on setbacks. Based on a recommendation made during our recent board training presented by the WVU team, Eddie presented a concern about the frequency of variances for setbacks. He questioned whether the BZA should recommend to Town Council some changes to setback ordinances, based on the inconsistency of their application. The board agreed to study the matter further and discuss it again at the next administrative meeting.

Adjournment – Lynn moved to adjourn the administrative hearing at 7:00; Ed seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes submitted by Lynn Pechuekonis.