

Elmer Borough Land Use Board

Minutes of Board Meeting Thursday, September 7th, 2017

The regular meeting of the Elmer Borough Land Use Board was held on Thursday, September 7th, 2017, at 6:30 p.m. in the Elmer Borough Hall.

Dawn Williams read the Open Public Meetings Act Statement.

Present at the meeting were John Dailyda, Fred Davis, Vice Chairman Jay DuBois, Robert McWilliams, David Newkirk, Chairman Lewis Reed, Mayor Joseph Stemberger, and Secretary Dawn Williams. Councilwoman Lynda Davis, Linda Herrmann, and Heather Runyon were absent. Board Attorney Katie Coleman was also absent.

Robert McWilliams motioned and Fred Davis seconded to approve the Board Minutes from August 3rd, 2017 as presented. The motion was unanimously carried.

Al Foote informally asked the Board about purchasing and utilizing 47 Broad Street (Block 18, Lots 7 & 8) for a small repair shop. The property is located within a Commercial|Light Industrial zoning district. Al Foote already spoke with Zoning Officer Joseph Stecklair and was given a verbal approval to pursue the project. Secretary Dawn Williams will investigate the Borough Ordinance in more detail to confirm that such a use would be permitted. Secretary Dawn Williams will contact Al Foote through e-mail with information to guide his decision making regarding purchasing the property in order to create a small repair shop on the property. No action was taken.

The Board discussed the progress of the demolition of the Schalick Mills tower. Mayor Joseph Stemberger will follow up with Pittsgrove Township Building Inspector Jim Grasso. No action was taken.

The properties known as the former properties of Nick's Pizzeria and the Colonial News Agency were recently purchased by Burry Timberman. The properties will be used to create an antique garage for cars, trucks, and other vehicles. No action was taken.

It was discussed that there have been many recent property purchases and cleaning up of properties within Elmer. Fred Davis reported "junky" yards and possible violations. Mayor Stemberger will relay that information to Zoning Officer Joseph Stecklair. No action was taken.

Mayor Joseph Stemberger informed the Board that sidewalk violations will be addressed to homeowners by January 2018. No action was taken.

The property owned by and available for purchase by Edgar Hathaway on Salem Street and Sandbridge Road were discussed. The property is being advertised as a small farmette and was once discussed by the owner and Board regarding a subdivision to create such a parcel. Secretary Dawn Williams will check with Solicitor Katie Coleman to understand if the property is a conforming use. No action was taken.

The next Land Use Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 5th, 2017, at 6:30 p.m. in the Elmer Borough Hall.

At 7:50 p.m. Robert McWilliams motioned and Fred Davis seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Dawn M. Williams
Land Use Board Secretary