

Elmer Borough Land Use Board
Minutes of Board Meeting
Thursday, February 7th, 2019

The meeting of the Elmer Borough Land Use Board was held on Thursday, February 7th, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. in the Elmer Borough Hall.

Dawn Williams read the Open Public Meetings Act Statement.

Present at the meeting were Fred Davis, Councilwoman Lynda Davis, Vice-chairman Jay DuBois, Linda Herrmann, David Newkirk, Chairman Lewis Reed, Mayor Joseph Stemberger, and Secretary Dawn Williams. Heather Runyon was absent. Board Attorney Katie Coleman was present (joined the Board after the site plan waiver applications were heard). Board Engineer Corey Gaskill was also present. More than thirty (30) audience members were present; most were there to support Applicant Burroughs Timberman.

Vice-chairman Jay DuBois motioned and Fred Davis seconded to approve the Board Minutes from January 3rd, 2019 as presented. The motion was unanimously carried.

Applicant Burroughs Timberman introduced himself to the Board and presented Site Plan Waiver #19-1 (Block 15 Lot 15). Chairman Lewis Reed reviewed the Borough Ordinance with respect to holiday decorations and announced that holiday decorations do not need to be included in any site plan as they are allowed, therefore the "Santa Mailbox" would not be considered to be a part of the application. Board Engineer Corey Gaskill presented his engineering review letter dated 2/6/19. All items were discussed and all issues were resolved between the Board and the applicant. Councilwoman Lynda Davis motioned and Secretary Dawn Williams seconded to deem the application complete. Roll call vote was taken. The motion was unanimously carried. Fred Davis motioned and Councilwoman Lynda Davis seconded to approve Site Plan Waiver Application #19-1 conditioned upon all agreed upon changes. Roll call vote was taken. The motion was unanimously carried.

Applicant Burroughs Timberman presented Site Plan Waiver #19-2 (Block 15 Lot 16). Board Engineer Corey Gaskill presented his engineering review letter dated 2/6/19. All items were discussed and all issues were resolved between the Board and the applicant. Secretary Dawn Williams motioned and Vice Chairman Jay DuBois seconded to deem the application complete. Roll call vote was taken. The motion was unanimously carried. Secretary Dawn Williams motioned and Fred Davis seconded to approve Site Plan Waiver Application #19-2 conditioned upon all agreed upon changes. Roll call vote was taken. The motion was unanimously carried.

Residents Roger Anderson and Tina Fithian-Anderson expressed their frustration with the Board's approval process with respect to Mr. Timberman. The Andersons expressed that they themselves have had unfair treatment with their own site plan approval process. No action was taken.

The zoning report was discussed. A letter of correspondence from William Stratton concerning Landlord Identity Registration was shared. The Landlord Rental Registration report was discussed. No action was taken.

The owner of the T-shirt screening company on Main Street (Block 17 Lots 22 & 23) asked the Board how to consolidate both lots and both buildings into one property. Attorney Katie Coleman will advise the owner on the process of consolidating both properties. No action was taken.

Resident Warren Collins presented his concerns about Elmer not being "business friendly" and current decreasing property values. No action was taken.

The next Land Use Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 7th, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. in the Elmer Borough Hall.

At 8:15 p.m. Mayor Joseph Stemberger motioned and Secretary Dawn Williams seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Dawn M. Williams
Land Use Board Secretary