

Elmer Borough Land Use Board
Minutes of Board Meeting
Wednesday, February 1st, 2012

The regular monthly meeting of the Elmer Borough Land Use Board was held on Wednesday, February 1st, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. in the Elmer Borough Hall.

Secretary Dawn Williams read the Open Public Meetings Act Statement.

Present at the meeting were Leigh Bostwick, Fred Davis, Jay DuBois, Linda Herrmann, Lewis Reed, Vice-chairman Robert Richards, Councilman Steven Schalick, and Secretary Dawn Williams. Blinn Bostwick, Chairman José Cardona, Denny Hardman, Scott McDonald, and Mayor Joseph Stemberger were absent. Solicitor Kenneth Miller Jr. was also present.

Jay DuBois announced that he would have a conflict of interest when discussing Dr. Warmuth's property on Front Street, as he is a neighbor.

Leigh Bostwick motioned and Fred Davis seconded to adopt the Board Minutes from January 4th, 2012 as presented. The motion was unanimously carried.

Vice-chairman Robert Richards and Jay DuBois discussed the engineer's meeting on January 31st, 2012, regarding Dr. Warmuth's property on Front Street. Dr. Warmuth wishes to install a check valve to her stormwater plan to prevent water from neighboring properties from entering her property. The Borough's engineer requested copies of the original design to assist with the requested change. No action was taken.

Timothy Surran's approved subdivision (Application #11-3) was discussed. The Board is still waiting for legal descriptions and a final engineer review letter for the approved subdivision. Solicitor Kenneth Miller Jr. advised that the submitted deeds are appropriate. No action was taken.

The property belonging to Andrea Simpson and Don Nutt (116 Park Avenue) was discussed. The property is improving each day, and is almost in full compliance. No action was taken.

The property belonging to Walter Voeckler (36 Park Avenue) was discussed. The property is improving each day, but is not in full compliance. The December 31st, 2011 deadline for total removal of all vehicles has expired. Secretary Dawn Williams will contact Zoning Officer John Leech to offer the Board's opinion on issuing an extension to Walter Voeckler in order for him to remove the remaining vehicles from the property. The Board will require Walter Voeckler (or his wife or representative) to appear at the March 7th Land Use Board meeting in order to formally request a time extension. As he has already exceeded the December 31st, 2011 deadline, the Board will issue another one month extension (expiring 3/7/12). Walter Voeckler needs to show, on or before March 7th, that there are less than 18 vehicles remaining on his property. If any of the conditions are not met, then on March 8th, 2012, the Board authorizes Zoning Officer John Leech to issue a citation to Walter Voeckler. Councilman Steven Schalick motioned and Jay DuBois seconded to approve Walter Voeckler's Extension as detailed above. The action was unanimously carried. Secretary Dawn Williams will instruct Zoning Officer John Leech to notify Walter Voeckler in person, or by registered mail, of the details of tonight's extension.

The property of Fred Harz & Son (26 Chestnut Street) was discussed. The business is continuing to remove debris and "clean up" the property. No action was taken.

The next Land Use Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 7th, 2012, at 7:30 p.m. in the Elmer Borough Hall.

At 8:00 p.m. Lewis Reed motioned and Jay DuBois seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Dawn M. Williams
Land Use Board Secretary