

Elmer Borough Land Use Board

Minutes of Board Meeting

Thursday, May 2nd, 2013

The regular meeting of the Elmer Borough Land Use Board was held on Thursday, May 2nd, 2013 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 Blinn Bostwick, Leigh Bostwick, Tammy Collins, Fred Davis, Councilwoman Lynda Davis, Vice-chairman Jay DuBois, John Hagen, Linda Herrmann, Lewis Reed, Mayor Joseph Stemberger, and Secretary Dawn Williams. Chairman Robert Richards and Scott McDonald were absent. Solicitor Katie B. Coleman was present.

Councilwoman Lynda Davis motioned and Vice-chairman Jay DuBois seconded to adopt the Board Minutes from April 4th, 2013, as presented. The motion was unanimously carried.

Minor Subdivision Application #13-3 (Block 23, Lots 5 + 21) was introduced. Solicitor Katie Coleman swore in Applicant Ted Peck. Applicant Ted Peck offered testimony. Secretary Dawn Williams motioned and Fred Davis seconded to deem Application #13-3 complete. The motion was unanimously carried. Councilwoman Lynda Davis motioned and Fred Davis seconded to approve the application, conditioned upon satisfying the conditions set forth in the Engineer's Review Letter dated April 22nd, 2013. The motion was unanimously carried.

Cheerful Giver owner Tony Gross presented an informal application to the Board. Tony Gross would like to create a mural on the sides of his building depicting flowers and an American flag. After much discussion, it was decided that if words are used in the mural, it would constitute a sign, and he would need to file for a sign variance (for multiple signs for one business and size larger than allowed). It was also decided that if the mural is simply pictures, with no direct connection to the business, then the owner has the right to paint his building without obtaining variances. No action was taken.

Island Fitness owner Caroline Gates presented an informal application to the Board. Caroline Gates would like to rent the office space in the vacant "Country Ford" car dealership for her gym. The building is located in a Medium Residential District, and therefore Caroline Gates would need to apply for a Use Variance prior to renting the space for her proposed business. No action was taken.

The next Land Use Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 6th, 2013, at 7:30 p.m. in the Elmer Borough Hall.

At 8:40 p.m. Secretary Dawn Williams motioned and Vice-chairman Jay DuBois seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Dawn M. Williams
Land Use Board Secretary