

Elmer Borough Land Use Board
Minutes of Board Meeting
Thursday, July 11th, 2013

The regular meeting of the Elmer Borough Land Use Board was held on Thursday, July 11th, 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 Leigh Bostwick, Vice-chairman Jay DuBois, John Hagen, Linda Herrmann, Scott McDonald, Lewis Reed, Chairman Robert Richards, Mayor Joseph Stemberger, and Secretary Dawn Williams. Blinn Bostwick, Tammy Collins, Fred Davis, and Councilwoman Lynda Davis were absent. Solicitor Katie B. Coleman was present. Zoning Officer Tom Krwawecz was also present.

Vice-chairman Jay DuBois motioned and Lewis Reed seconded to adopt the Board Minutes from June 6th, 2013, as presented. The motion was unanimously carried.

Chairman Robert Richards announced that Blinn Bostwick resigned from the Land Use Board. Lewis Reed motioned and Vice-chairman Jay DuBois seconded to appoint David Newkirk as Land Use Board Member Alternative #4. The motion was unanimously carried. Solicitor Katie Coleman issued the Oath of Allegiance to newly appointed member David Newkirk.

The Board discussed proposed changes to the Land Use Ordinance. Solicitor Katie Coleman offered her assistance in reviewing the proposed changes. Zoning Officer Tom Krwawecz offered comments regarding fencing, signage, and other proposed changes. Secretary Dawn Williams submitted comments on the proposed changes, to be shared with Borough Council. No action was taken.

The Board discussed the mural currently being painted onto A Cheerful Giver's building. The mural includes the painting of candles, as well as words like "A Cheerful Giver" and "Florist." Since the display of product and name constitutes a sign, according to the current ordinance, the Board requested that Zoning Officer Tom Krwawecz visit the owner to advise him to file for a sign variance in order to continue the mural project.

Secretary Dawn Williams discussed a possible variance application for Nancy Miller. Nancy Miller wishes to install a front porch and ramp within her front yard setback. She has requested that the Borough waive the fees involved in such an application. Mayor Joseph Stemberger will discuss the issue with the Council Solicitor to see if the Borough has the right to waive or reduce fees to assist Nancy Miller. No action was taken.

The next Land Use Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 1st, 2013, at 7:30 p.m. in the Elmer Borough Hall.

At 8:30 p.m. Leigh Bostwick motioned and Linda Herrmann seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Dawn M. Williams
Land Use Board Secretary