

Elmer Borough Land Use Board
Minutes of Board Meeting
Thursday, October 3rd, 2013

The regular meeting of the Elmer Borough Land Use Board was held on Thursday, October 3rd, 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, Fred Davis, Councilwoman Lynda Davis, Vice-chairman Jay DuBois, Scott McDonald, David Newkirk, Lewis Reed, Mayor Joseph Stemberger, and Secretary Dawn Williams. Tammy Collins, John Hagen, Linda Herrmann, and Chairman Robert Richards were absent. Solicitor Katie B. Coleman was present.

Scott McDonald, Lewis Reed, and Mayor Joseph Stemberger announced a conflict of interest with regard to Resolution #13-7 (Patricia Schneider) as the applicant is a friend and neighbor. Councilwoman Lynda Davis will also abstain from voting on the application, as a member of council is not eligible to vote on variances.

Lewis Reed motioned and Councilwoman Lynda Davis seconded to adopt the Board Minutes from September 5th, 2013, as presented. The motion was unanimously carried.

Secretary Dawn Williams motioned and Fred Davis seconded to table the reading of Resolution #13-7 (Bulk Variance #13-4) due to the lack of eligible members to vote upon it. The resolution will be heard at next month's meeting. The following members abstained from the vote: Councilwoman Lynda Davis, Scott McDonald, Lewis Reed, and Mayor Joseph Stemberger. The motion carried.

The Board discussed proposed changes to the Land Use Ordinance. Lewis Reed suggested changing the side and rear setback requirements for "moveable" structures, like small sheds and carports. It was agreed that a 2' setback would be more appropriate than the existing 10' setback. Solicitor Katie Coleman will prepare a proposal for Borough Council. No action was taken.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,
Dawn M. Williams
Land Use Board Secretary