

Elmer Borough Land Use Board
Minutes of Board Meeting
Thursday, October 2nd, 2014

The regular meeting of the Elmer Borough Land Use Board was held on Thursday, October 2nd, 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, John Hagen (arrived 7:45), Linda Herrmann, Scott McDonald, Chairman Lewis Reed, Mayor Joseph Stemberger, and Secretary Dawn Williams. Tammy Collins and David Newkirk were absent. Solicitor Katie B. Coleman and Zoning Officer Tom Krwawecz were present.

Vice-chairman Jay DuBois motioned and Fred Davis seconded to adopt the Board Minutes from June 5th, 2014 as presented. The motion was unanimously carried.

Solicitor Katie Coleman excused herself from the Board in order to represent Applicant Eric M. Krise Properties. Katie Coleman presented Use Variance Application #14-1 on behalf of her client Eric M. Krise. Applicant Eric M. Krise proposes to purchase the property located at 80 Broad Street in order to operate his electrical contracting business. The applicant requested a waiver of a new survey and a waiver of a site plan. Currently, there are 18 employees employed by the applicant. Councilwoman Lynda Davis motioned and Fred Davis seconded to deem the application complete. Fred Davis motioned and Scott McDonald seconded to approve the application as presented. The motion was unanimously carried.

Secretary Dawn Williams will schedule David Newkirk for the upcoming training session being offered by the New Jersey Planning Organization.

The Elmer Presbyterian Church has finalized their subdivision and variance application. The Board awaits their final plans for signatures. No action was taken.

All Land Use Ordinance changes have been finalized and are currently available on the Elmer Borough Website. No action was taken.

Borough Council is still discussing the creation of a "Property Inspector" position. No action was taken.

The Board discussed scheduling meeting dates for 2015 on the first Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers. Secretary Dawn Williams will publish all meeting dates in the Elmer Times and on the Borough's website, as well as post notices in the Borough Hall.

Secretary Dawn Williams announced that the Board should anticipate a Site Plan on Front Street in the next month or so. No action was taken.

Discussion on the mural at the Cheerful Giver concluded that no changes have been made regarding their artwork. No action was taken.

The many signs located at the Sunoco gas station were discussed. The Board discussed whether or not the Borough should consider removing excess signs at the gas station and other businesses. No action was taken.

The Board discussed whether or not donation boxes should be allowed to be placed at various locations throughout the town. No action was taken.

The Board discussed the poor quality of the zoning map on the Borough's website. Chairman Lewis Reed would attempt scanning the zoning map digitally in order to upload it onto the website.

The next Land Use Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 6th, 2014, at 7:30 p.m. in the Elmer Borough Hall.

At 8:00 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