

Elmer Borough Land Use Board
Minutes of Board Meeting
Thursday, November 6th, 2014

The regular meeting of the Elmer Borough Land Use Board was held on Thursday, November 6th, 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 Fred Davis, Councilwoman Lynda Davis, Vice-chairman Jay DuBois, John Hagen, Linda Herrmann, David Newkirk, Chairman Lewis Reed, and Secretary Dawn Williams. Leigh Bostwick, Tammy Collins, Scott McDonald, and Mayor Joseph Stemberger were absent. Solicitor Katie B. Coleman and Zoning Officer Tom Krwawecz were present.

Solicitor Katie Coleman administered the Oath of Allegiance to David Newkirk (Class 4 – Alternate #3 Land Use Board Member).

Vice-chairman Jay DuBois motioned and Councilwoman Lynda Davis seconded to adopt the Board Minutes from October 2nd, 2014 as presented. The motion was unanimously carried.

Vice-chairmen Jay DuBois motioned and Linda Herrmann seconded to adopt Resolution #14-2 to memorialize Application #14-1 as presented (Eric M. Krise Properties). The motion was unanimously carried.

Secretary Dawn Williams announced that David Newkirk has been registered for the upcoming training session being offered by the New Jersey Planning Organization.

The Elmer Presbyterian Church has finalized their subdivision and variance application. Chairman Lewis Reed and Secretary Dawn Williams will sign and return their submitted plans.

Secretary Dawn Williams announced that all 2015 Land Use Board meetings will take place on the first Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Elmer Borough Hall (Council Chambers). Secretary Dawn Williams will publish the dates in the newspaper and post the dates throughout 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.

Mrs. Kathy Baldino (300 State Street) informally asked the Board about its current "junk yard" ordinance. Her concern is about her neighbor's "junk" yard. Mrs. Baldino is attempting to sell her home and is unable to erect a fence on the adjoining property line. As a fence would not be permitted to serve as a shield from the neighbor's yard, she is hopeful that the ordinance would require the neighbor to clean up the yard. Zoning Officer Tom Krwawecz will check into the current "junk yard" ordinance but believes that the property being discussed is not an actual "junk yard" but is instead a "junk" yard. The Board will revisit this topic, as well as our current fence ordinance next month. No action was taken.

The next Land Use Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 4th, 2014, at 7:30 p.m. in the Elmer Borough Hall.

At 8:25 p.m. Vice-chairman Jay DuBois motioned and Councilwoman Lynda Davis seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Dawn M. Williams
Land Use Board Secretary