

MINUTES OF ZONING HEARING BOARD MEETING

The Zoning Hearing Board of Palmer Township met on Tuesday, October 7, 2014, at 7:30 P.M. in the Palmer Memorial Library, One Weller Place, to hear the following appeals. In attendance Nick Noel, Esq., Zoning Board Solicitor, Charles Roseberry, Board Chairman, Cherie Kavanaugh Board Member, Emilio DeNisi Board Member, Mike Mancino Board Member, Peg Kennedy Board Member, James Raudenbush Zoning Administrator, and Court Reporter Ted Rewak.

Cherie Kavanaugh then made a motion to accept the minutes of the September 3, 2014, zoning hearings. The motion was seconded by Emilio DeNisi, with all in agreement.

14-14 7:30 p.m. 80 Kunkle Dr.(Tilted Kilt), Wendy Kern from Bartush Signs, 302 N Washington St., Orwigsburg Pa 17961, is seeking is seeking variances from section 190-185B(6) in order to install a freestanding sign that exceeds 50 square feet, and section 190-185B(4) in order to have two wall signs that exceed the permitted square footage of 16 square feet each. This property is located in a Planned Office/Business Zoning District.

Witnesses: Jerry Freiwald, Bartush Signs, Matthew Freiwald, Bartush Signs, Mark Goffredo, Twin Construction Services, Palmu Patel, Holiday Inn Express Manager, Catherine Kollet, Esq.

Action: Mike Mancino made a motion to approve the internally illuminated freestanding sign (exhibit A-3), the internally illuminated wall sign (exhibit A-2), and the Irish shield facing Kunkle Drive(exhibit A-4) as they were presented at the time of the hearing. Mike Mancino then motioned to denie the Irish shield facing Rte. 22 (exhibit A-5), to approve the Tilted Kilt non-illuminated wall sign (exhibit A-6) but reduce the size to 16 square feet and all signage lighting is to be extinguished at closing. The motions were seconded by Cherie Kavanaugh and were approved with a vote of 5-0.

The approvals were contingent upon the Zoning Board Solicitor receiving a notarized letter from the property owner stating that they are aware of the zoning hearing and are in support of the application. A notarized letter from the owner was given to the Solicitors office on October 8th.

14-15 7:40 p.m. Lots M9NW4-6-16 and 17 (Leeman St.), Steven J Inc., 4136 Nazareth Pike, Bethlehem Pa 18020 is seeking a special exception from 190-199C(2) in order to build on a non-conforming lot of record. This property is located in a Medium Density Residential Zoning District.

Witnesses: Steve Miga, applicant, Atty. David Dunn, Jane Race, 2608 Freemansburg Ave., Dave Vasquez, 44 Leeman St.

Action: Emilio Denisi made a motion to approve the special exception in order to build on a non-conforming lot of record as was presented at the time of the hearing. The motion was seconded by Mike Manicno, and was approved by a vote of 5-0.

Having no further business to discuss, the hearing was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

James F. Raudenbush
Zoning Officer