

Borough of Doylestown Zoning & Planning Committee

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: December 14, 2020
Scheduled Time: 7:00 PM
Virtual Meeting

Present:

Committee members present were Chairperson Tim Brennan, Larry Browne, Wendy Margolis, and Jennifer Jarret. Also present were Karyn Hyland, Director of Building & Zoning, Joanna Waldron, Attorney at Law, Jack O'Brien, President of Council, Peter Blanchard, and Leila Yusuf.

The December meeting of the Zoning & Planning Committee was held via Zoom on Tuesday, December 14, 2020 and was called to order by Mr. Brennan at 7:02PM.

Review and Approval of Minutes:

The October 2020 meeting minutes were unanimously approved on a motion from Ms. Jarrett, seconded by Mr. Browne.

Zoning Hearing Board:

Ms. Hyland reviewed three applications, to be discussed at the Zoning Hearing Board Meeting. The applications include:

318 N. Main Street - requests variances from the Doylestown Borough Zoning Ordinance to permit a sign on property fronting Atkinson Drive on which an access driveway will be installed and to permit wall signs larger than the allowable area. The applicant proposes to redevelop the property to provide for a bank and medical office facility for Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP).

461 Linden Avenue - request a variance to permit less than the required side yard setback for an accessory structure.

122 Cottage Street - requests relief to construct an addition to the rear of the existing dwelling as well as 3 covered porches.

Ms. Hyland reported applicants for 461 Linden Avenue and 122 Cottage Street have requested a continuance. Hyland also noted that the owner previously showed interested in constructing a similar garage for use as contractor's storage. The committee agreed that the application should be monitored to confirm the proposed use is consistent with the residential area.

On a motion made by Mr. Brennan, seconded by Ms. Jarrett, the committee recommended authorizing the Borough Solicitor to represent the Borough's interest.

Certificates of Appropriateness Staff Recommendations:

Signs:

50 S. Main Street, La Casita Mia, Business

Building Applications:

199 Washington Street – Roof over Deck
58 W. Oakland Avenue – Siding
62 N. Church Street – Roof
129 Worthington Street – Exterior Work

Ms. Hyland provided a brief background on the applications. On a motion made by Mr. Brennan and seconded by Mr. Browne, the Committee unanimously approved.

Land Development Waiver: None

Subdivision and Land Development: None

Ordinances, Amendments & Resolutions: None

New/Old Business:

Ms. Hyland informed the Committee of the upcoming Doylestown Township Planning Commission meeting scheduled for December 16, 2020 concerning the property located at 280 N. Broad Street. Even though majority of the property is located within the Township, the existing building and road frontage is located in the Borough. Ms. Hyland stated that Mr. Ehlinger, Deputy Borough Manager and members from the Borough's Planning Commission plan to attend and encouraged the Zoning & Planning Committee members to also attend. Staff will continue to monitor this as well.

Adjournment:

On a motion from Mr. Brennan, seconded by Mr. Browne, the Committee adjourned at 7:50PM.