

The meeting of the Towanda Borough Planning Commission was held on Tuesday, March 16, 2010 at the Towanda Municipal Building, 724 S. Main Street, Towanda, PA.

Members present: Jim Lacek, Evelyn Sherburne, Ellen Lacek, Larry Kacyon, Erin Groves, Shannon Clark

Members absent: Keith Long, Ed Ulatowski, Mark Christini

Visitors: Rinaldo DePaola, Raymond Finlan, Laura Finlan

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Lacek.

Public Hearing

Mr. Haight introduced Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Finlan of 203 Main Street who have asked for a special exception per 73-17 C(3) for second floor apartments as governed by the Towanda Borough Zoning Code. Mr. Haight said he had seen the renovations and this is to be a two (2) bedroom apartment. It would have to be approved by Labor & Industry and would require two (2) off-street parking spots. He would recommend approval of this special exception. They are not changing the character of the building and it is fire-rated upstairs. He noted the burden of proof is on the Hearing Board as to why it shouldn't be allowed.

Mr. DePaola asked if there were any plans for this building in the file when it was converted to a hair salon. Mr. Haight will look into these plans. Mr. & Mrs. Finlan will also have to provide detailed plans for any other renovations.

Mrs. Groves made a motion to approve the special exception as described providing there is off-street parking for two (2) vehicles. Mr. Kacyon made the second and the motion was passed. The Zoning Hearing Board will meet on this matter on April 13, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in these council rooms. The public hearing was adjourned at 5:46 p.m.

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The Towanda Borough Planning Commission was called to order. Mr. Kacyon made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Lacek to accept the minutes of February 16, 2010. The motion was passed.

Old Business

Mr. Haight discussed the updates of the Borough Ordinances and Codes from General Code. There are several chapters that need to be discussed and after further consideration and conversation it was felt that it would be best if the members discussed each chapter at a regular meeting rather than each member taking a chapter to review themselves. Some of the chapters involved include "Bicycles", "Board of Health", "Hackstands" and others. Members will look at the historical perspective of each code as well. It was decided that Chapter # 9; Bicycles, will be discussed at the next meeting. A link to the General Code site will be sent to the members.

Because Mr. & Mrs. Lacek will be out of town for the April 2010 meeting, it was decided that unless there is an urgent matter to be discussed, that meeting would be canceled and the next meeting would be May 18, 2010 at 5:30 p.m.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen L. Wilcox