

MINUTES OF MEETING
PERKASIE BOROUGH ZONING HEARING BOARD
JANUARY 24, 2011

620 West Chestnut Street
Perkasie, Pa. 18944

ATTENDANCE:

Zoning Hearing Board Members:	David Barndt Bill Davis Dennis Hurchalla John Yannaccone Steve Pizzollo Andrew Rumbold (alternate) Doug Taylor (alternate) Absent
Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor:	Steve Shelly
Code Enforcement Administrator:	Tracey Berry

The Zoning Hearing Board public hearing was convened at 7:30 pm.

Re-Organization

On a motion by Bill Davis, which was seconded by Steve Pizzollo, the Zoning Hearing Board unanimously agreed to continue with the same slate of Officers as 2010 for 2011.

The Zoning Hearing Board unanimously agreed to appoint Colby Grim of Grim, Biehn and Thatcher as the Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor for 2011.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the August 23, 2010 Zoning Hearing Board meeting were unanimously approved on a motion by John Yannaccone and seconded by Dennis Hurchalla.

File No. #2011, Rina Properties, LLC to request a special exception to allow small commercial business to operate at the property located at 101 N 5th St., Perkasie, tax parcel #33-5-607

Presented were all exhibits, the application and notices concerning this file.

The applicant, Kathy Weierbach, is requesting a special exception to allow her the option to place different types of retail businesses in her building located in a residential district. The applicant explained that when she purchased the building three years she was told by the Zoning Officer at that time that it was an R-2, non-conforming use. When a tenant (Pilates Studio) applied for a U&O was denied by the Zoning Officer. Ms. Weierbach explained to the board members of the difficulty she has had renting space since purchasing the property three years ago and if she would loose the tenant (Pilates studio) it would be a hardship for her.

Ms. Weierbach explained that she discussed the matter with the Borough Manager/Zoning Officer, Daniel Olpere, and was advised to go to the Planning Commission to try to have the property re-zoned. The Planning Commission explained that it would possibly take several years and advised Ms. Weierbach that her best option would be to go before the Zoning Hearing Board for a blanket special Exception.

After discussion on a motion by Dennis Hurchalla, seconded by John Yannaccone, the Zoning Hearing Board granted the applicant the Pilates Studio tenant only, stating that they do not grant “Umbrella” special exceptions because it would be too broad of an area.

Other Business

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Dennis Hurchalla, Secretary