

ATHENS TOWNSHIP ZONING HEARING BOARD
June 28, 2011

Zoning Hearing Board members in attendance were: Solicitor, Gerard A. Zeller, Esq., John Baird, Rita Jo Swingle, Walt Haggerty, Alternate, Ed Reid, Zoning Officer, Cynthia Parrish, Assistant Zoning Officer, and Secretary, Elaine Daddona. Diane Marvin was unable to attend. Stenographer was Linda Wettlaufer. Sign-in sheet was available for all others in attendance and is hereby attached.

Chairman, John Baird, called the meeting to order at 6:35PM. Motion by Rita Jo Swingle to approve the minutes of May 24, 2011 as read, second by Walt Haggerty, and motion carried.

Eastern Pennsylvania Supply
Parcel #09-020.18-008-000

Hearing began at 6:38PM regarding the application of Eastern Pennsylvania Supply for property located at 243 West Pine Street. Applicant seeks a variance from the setback requirements set forth in Section 306 of the Ordinance to construct an addition to the existing building, and such other relief as determined by the Zoning Hearing Board. Ed Reid, Zoning Officer, read an explanation of the application. Attorney Damian Rossettie represented the applicant and introduced Ray Earl, the Branch Manager of Eastern Pennsylvania Supply. Testimony began immediately thereafter and concluded at 7:32PM. Executive session of the Zoning Hearing Board convened thereafter to render a Decision. The Board reconvened at 7:40PM. Chairman Baird stated that the applicant should be allowed to build the new structure with parking as testified to based on the Ordinance provision for warehousing facilities in the Commercial/Retail District, providing eight (8) spaces for employees and seven (7) spaces for retail use. Roll call vote of the Board was a unanimous vote of **approval**. The applicant granted a waiver of receiving the written Decision within 24 hours. Mr. Zeller also explained the 30-day appeal period to the applicant.

Rita Jo Swingle spoke to the Board regarding a meeting of the Athens Township Supervisors and PennDOT which she attended concerning the traffic study results for Route 199 and Route 220. She inquired of the Zoning Board as to whether or not to request a transcript of the testimony for the hearing which was held in 2009 regarding matters of this area, due to the fact that this would be helpful to the Supervisors at a hearing which will be held to pursue a traffic signal in the area of contention. Mr. Zeller asked Elaine Daddona, Secretary, to contact the stenographer who attended this hearing to inquire about the transcription, if the transcript was still available to transcribe.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00PM, as there was no further business to discuss.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine J. Daddona, Secretary

