

The Bethlehem Township Board of Appeals met Monday March 13th 2023, 7pm at the township hall. The meeting was called to order by Henry Cochran. The meeting was opened by the pledge of Allegiance. Four board members were present by roll call: Henry Cochran, Bill Warner, Dennis Wheeler, & Chris Simmons. Also, in attendance was the Zoning Secretary Megan Colucy and Zoning Inspector Ed Cochran.

The first matter of business to come before the meeting was to approve the previous minutes of the Zoning Appeals meeting, held on October 24th 2022. Bill motioned to accept the minutes. Dennis Wheeler seconded the motion, and it was approved by unanimous vote.

Next is the matter of the new Chairman and Vice chairman for this year. Chris Simmons makes a motion for Bill Warner to be Chairman and Dennis Wheeler to be Vice Chairman. Henry seconded the motion. All in favor by roll call: yes

Espwa Venue is still trying to have weddings and other events at their property and they have also partnered with another company. Epwsa Venue does not have any permits to have anything at their property other than agricultural. They have partnered with Fire and Fig. Ed said that he has talked to the prosecuting attorney and he is to send all the paperwork we have gotten that has told them to cease and desist so they can take further action towards Cory and Amber Zwick for violating orders that were given to them about the venue. Also Ed will need to let Fire and Fig know they are working without permits at this property and they are in a violation themselves.

Conditional Permit renewals coming up are Kimble that took over L&M Mining permit 2 years ago. Will advertise in the paper and set a date to vote on this renewal.

Nathan Simmons would like to have a permit for his property for his safety cover on his pool. The safety pool cover locks when the pool is not in use. No solar cover and no fence around the pool. He would like a permit for a variance from 6 ft of fence to the lockable safety pool cover. Sending application to Nathan for a conditional permit.

Appeals board needs to continue with violation letters on properties that are still in violation.

Ed will be getting with me to look over additional properties and also past properties so we can get letters out to them about violations.

Darius Parker we will need to make sure we see what violations he has at his property especially with running a business out of it. He needs to fill out a conditional permit so we can vote on him having an auto body shop at his property.

Here is an attentive schedule for the rest of the year for meetings. If board members are not able to make these we can always reschedule the date of the meeting.

All meetings will be held at the township hall and will start at 7pm.

May 8th

July 10th

Sept 11th

Nov 13th

January 8th 2024

Henry motioned to close the meeting. Chris seconded it. Meeting was closed at 7:57pm

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Henry Cochran - Chairman

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Megan Colucy - Zoning Secretary