

MINUTES
BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG
BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
August 5, 2010

Chairman Cronheim called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm and stated that notice of this meeting has been posted in Borough Hall, filed with the Borough Clerk and given to the Echoes-Sentinel, Journal and the Courier-News in conformance with the N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq. The salute to the flag followed.

Present on roll call: Fechtner, Hunsinger, Lauerman, Brown,
Sampson and Chairman Cronheim

Absent on roll call: Weber, Dallas, Kita

Also Present: Edward P. Bennett, Jr., Zoning Officer, John P. McDonald, Esq.,
Attorney, and David A. Stires, PE, PP, Engineer

Requests were made by the following:

Champion Pet Photos – request to hold photo event at PetSmart, Watchung Square
– July 21 through July 28

Home Depot – request to hold a carpet tent sale for 30 days, day to be announced

Donnelly Construction – request to allow 10-15 storage container, 1 construction trailer, approx. 6 dumpster, 2 porta-johns and a fork lift/lull for approx. 3 mos. during interior renovations.

Halloween Scene -request for temporary signage for a temporary retail store in the Blue Star Shopping Center- August thru September.

All were approved by the Board unanimously.

RESOLUTION:

BA 10-02 Kleinberg, 404 Johnston Drive, Block 5402 Lot 12- Any and all variances, needed to build an addition on an existing home with existing non-conforming front yard set back, accessory side yard set back and failing to meet the requirement for impervious surface coverage.

Mr. Lauerman made a motion to accept the Resolution with the amendment. Mr. Brown seconded the motion. At the call of roll the Resolution was accepted unanimously.

INTERPRETATION:

BA 10-04 Pigna, 1696 Route 22 E, Block 6201 Lot 6- Interpretation of the ordinance to allow a masonry supply store in the HD Zone

Enrico Pigna appeared before the Board. Mr. Bennett stated that Mr. Pigna was in the process of purchasing the old Cindy Pool site. Mr. Pigna would like to open a masonry retail store. Mr. Bennett felt this was the same use as what is there now with the pool store. He felt that it would be in the applicants interest to have this on the record. The Board agreed.

Mr. Pigna stated his intention was to open a store that would provide for homeowners and/or contractors materials and tools necessary for masonry work. He would like to clean up the facility. He would also like to have a small yard in the back for stone, bagged concrete etc. He would also have a small machine for loading of materials.

Mr. Brown asked since he is a mason by trade was he looking to establish his business yard at this facility. Mr. Pigna said no he has a yard in Scotch Plains and has no plans of combining the two facilities.

Having no further questions or comments, the Board unanimously decided through interpretation, that the application is a continued use and that no variance was needed at this time.

APPLICATION:

BA 10-03 Heather Properties, 138 Oakwood Road, Block 5402 Lot 12 – Any and all variances needed to build a new home on a private road with a deficient rear yard setback and needing relief from the driveway ordinance.

All vouchers were approved for payment.

The meeting was adjourned until the next meeting of the Board of Adjustment scheduled on September 9, 2010 at 7:30pm

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine M. Hammel
Clerk, Board of Adjustment

