

## **MINUTES OF THE ELIZABETHTOWN ZHB MEETING October 3, 2016**

The Elizabethtown ZHB held a public hearing on Monday, October 3, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Elizabethtown Borough Office, 600 South Hanover Street, Elizabethtown, PA 17022. The meeting was attended by all members of the Zoning Hearing Board, including the alternate, as well as the solicitor for the Board, Bernadette M. Hohenadel.

The following matter was heard and a decision rendered:

- Application of the Elizabethtown Area School District

The Board heard a request from the Elizabethtown Area School District for a variance from Chapter 27, Part 1302.5.B.1 of the Zoning Ordinance. The Applicant is looking to obtain a variance to permit the erection of a 4' height fence along the Junior parking lot located adjacent to the access drive into the High School. The High School property is located at 600 East High Street, Elizabethtown. The parking lot in question is located adjacent to East High Street and Hickory Lane, next to the High School stadium and tennis courts. Rick Kaley, Director of Buildings and Grounds for the School District, appeared in support of the application. No other individuals appeared at the hearing.

The Applicant is looking for variance in the fence height to allow a fence in the front yard to be at 4' instead of 3' as provided in the Ordinance. The fence would be approximately 360-370' long extending from the East High Street to the area of the tennis courts. It would be a vinyl clad chain link fence similar to that which is surrounding the tennis courts. The rationale for the increased height is to provide greater safety and security for the students. Erecting the fence will result in forcing the students to use the crosswalks as opposed to have students cross anywhere along Hickory Lane, which is the means by which buses access the School buildings. For the safety of the students, it is deemed to be necessary to erect the fence. A fence at the height as permitted in the Ordinance will not deter students from crossing the Hickory Lane at any point and jumping over the fence.

A motion was made and approved unanimously by the Board that the variance should be granted to permit the School district to erect the fence 4' height along the Junior parking lot.

Exhibits entered into the record included Exhibit B1 which consisted of the Proof of Publication of the public hearing in The Press and Journal, a copy of a photograph of the public notice posted on the property, and copies of the correspondence sent to all interested property owners pertaining to the application filed and the public hearing.