

Dover Township
Zoning Hearing Board
August 21, 2013

Chairman Donald Bubb called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. Members present: Jane Ginter, Phillip Brown, Steve Barkdoll. Absent: Jeffrey Edmonds and alternate Neil Hoffstott. Also present: Zoning Officer Georgia Sprenkel, Solicitor Mike Craley, Stenographer Tammy Rinehart, Recording Secretary, and two citizens.

I. Minutes

Motion by Barkdoll, second by Brown, to approve the minutes of the meeting of March 20, 2013. All members voted aye; motion carried.

II. Zoning Case

A. ZHB 13-3 – Robin Trimmer, 4152 Hillview Court; Special Exception request for Family Child Care in the R-3 zone

Mrs. Trimmer was present. She presented a booklet of photos, etc., to function as Exhibit 1. She would like to open a family child care business in her home. She worked for Childcare Consultants for ten years, training people who were interested in opening an in-home child care business. She has all certifications that she can receive, pending the ZHB's approval. She's met with her homeowner's association to address their concerns. She is permitted to care for six children; she has four enrolled already (three-and four-year-olds). She has many other parents interested as well. In six months, she will have the highest level of child care accreditation possible. She will have a preschool as well as an early child care level. No sign will be posted. The property is lined with trees. Children will be on all three levels of her home. She will focus on the children's learning, both indoors and outdoors, and getting them ready for kindergarten. She has discussed her proposal with her trash collector and anticipates no issues. The Department of Public Welfare has inspected the site to satisfaction. Traffic: limited traffic in the neighborhood, mostly the neighbors coming and going. She lives on a cul-de-sac. Parking: room for four to six vehicles. Parents are required to park in the driveway (not on the street) and bring the children into the home. All parents have back-up sitters in the event of Mrs. Trimmer's absence. There will be no other employees.

Answers to questions from Mr. Craley: She and her husband own the property and will continue to use it as their principal residence. She anticipates beginning as soon as the paperwork is completed and filed with the DPW. Hours of operation will be 7 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. The property is served by public water and sewer.

The Planning Commission unanimously voted to recommend approval of this application. There were no questions or testimony from the audience. Hearing closed.

Ruling:

ZHB 13-3, Robin Trimmer

Motion by Barkdoll, second by Ginter, to approve the request by Robin Trimmer for an in-home child care business in the R-3 zone, provided she receives all certifications from DPW. All members voted aye; motion carried.

III. Other Business

Nothing at this time.

Motion by Bubb, second by Barkdoll, to adjourn. All members voted aye; motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie B. Maher,
Recording Secretary