

Minutes of Meeting
Perkasie Borough Zoning Hearing Board
March 24, 2025

620 W. Chestnut Street
Perkasie, Pa 18944

Attendance:

Zoning Hearing Board Members:

Dave Brandt
Timothy Rimmer (absent)
John Yannaccone
Sue Bower
John Wilcox (absent)
Laura Auger (absent)
John Knouse

The Zoning Hearing Board public hearing was convened @ 7:33pm.

Re-Organization

David Barndt was nominated and appointed Chair of the Perkasie Borough Zoning Hearing Board for 2025.

John Yannaccone was nominated and appointed Vice- Chair of the Perkasie Borough Zoning Hearing Board for 2025.

Timothy Rimmer was nominated and appointed Secretary of the Perkasie Borough Zoning Hearing Board for 2025.

The Zoning Hearing Board unanimously appointed Colby Grim of Grim, Biehn and Thatcher as the Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor for 2025.

Meeting Minutes:

Upon motion by John Yannaccone, seconded by John Knouse, the Zoning Hearing Board unanimously agreed to approve meeting minutes from December 11, 2024.

New Business: Case File 2025-01 / 100 N 5th St. / Perkasie Fire Company

No Party Status Requested

John Yannaccone recused himself from the meeting due to his affiliation with the Perkasie Fire Company.

Andy Weidman, representative and Treasurer of the Perkasie Fire Company, presented

plans for the installation of a full-color LED sign at the corner of North Fifth Street and Arch Street, which would replace the existing freestanding illuminated sign. The proposed sign is classified as a Permanent On-Premises Freestanding Double-Sided Changeable Copy Sign, with overall dimensions of 6 feet 6 inches high by 6 inches wide by 12 inches deep.

Mr. Weidman testified that the fire company would control all settings of the sign and ensure it would be properly dimmed to avoid excessive brightness. He stated that the sign would be used to provide information to Borough residents and visitors, including details on community events and fire prevention tips. Mr. Weidman further confirmed that the sign would not be used for advertising or any commercial purpose. He also noted that the installation would be funded by a donation made to the fire company in honor of an individual's 40 years of service.

During the public comment portion, Laura Miner of 19 North Fifth Street expressed concerns about the potential impact of the proposed sign on the neighborhood. She cited safety issues, the frequency of changing messages, possible distraction to vehicle operators, and concerns about the sign's brightness during nighttime hours. Ms. Miner also raised aesthetic concerns, particularly regarding the appropriateness of the sign's appearance in the R-2 Zoning District and its placement in the town center.

Sue Bower made a motion to grant variances from Sections 186-78.B.(1)(d) and 186-79.A of the zoning ordinance to permit the replacement, construction, and installation of the freestanding double-sided changeable copy sign on the property. The approval was granted subject to three conditions: that the applicant construct the new sign in a manner consistent with the testimony and plans submitted at the hearing, that no commercial advertising be permitted on the sign, and that the illumination not exceed 0.25 foot-candles as required by the zoning ordinance. The motion was seconded by John Knouse, and the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Adjournment: With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 P.M.



Timothy Rimmer, Secretary