

## PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD

## Meeting Minutes Wednesday, May 31, 2023

## Opening:

The regular meeting of the City of Lackawanna Planning and Development Board was called to order at 6:00pm.

Present: Galanti, Spahn, Algawani, Zambron, Friend, Smith, Clark Motion to approve minutes for the meeting held on 4/26/23: Spahn:

Second: Friend

All yeas carried 7-0

**New Business** 

Item #1

Site Plan Review

Rickia Mae Edwards-Torres

3195 South Park Ave

Requesting to open beauty salon

Rickia Mae Edwards-Torres representing.

Ms. Edwards-Torres stated she is requesting to open a nail salon located at 3195 South Park Avenue.

Chairwoman Galanti asked the applicant if the location of the site is the commercial building at the corner of Arnold and South Park.

Ms. Edwards- Torres replied yes.

Chairwoman Galanti asked if she will be making any interior or structural modifications to the site.

Ms. Edwards-Torres replied that she is just occupying the space.

Member Smith asked if the business is just a nail salon and waxing.

Ms. Edwards-Torres responded at the moment yes. She added that her business is a beauty bar and she has plans to hire a hair stylist in the future.

Member Smith asked where the hair stylist would be placed.

Ms. Edwards-Torres replied the front area of the salon where the nail stations and waxing area will be located. She added that a hair booth can fit there.

Member Smith asked if the space is big enough for private waxing.

Ms. Edwards-Torres replied yes and added her business will not be offering full body waxing, just eyebrows.

Member Clark asked if the entrance is this door to the side extension (pointing to site plan).

Ms. Edwards-Torres stated the far door by the double windows.

Chairwoman Galanti inquired about the hours of operation.

Ms. Edwards-Torres responded that the weekends are when she will be the busiest. She added that during the week the business will be appointment-only due to her other job commitments however if she has a day off she might accept walk-in appointments then.

Member Smith wanted confirmation that Monday through Friday is appointment only.

Ms. Edwards-Torres replied yes.

Chairwoman Galanti asked about the hours of operation for Saturdays.

Ms. Edwards-Torres said the hours will be from 10AM to 7PM.

Member Clark asked about parking at the south of the building.

Ms. Edwards-Torres replied she and her customers can park there and the landlord will allow her parking use in the front of the building.

Motion to approve: Smith: Second: Clark

All yeas carried 7-0

## Item #2

Special Use Permit

Christopher McKeever

1458 Abbott Rd

Requesting to display storage sheds

No representatives in attendance.

Chairwoman Galanti stated that this is the business that has placed sheds for sale on the lot for months.

The Board discussed the lot and the location.

Chairwoman Galanti inquired about the special use permit as it relates to the applicant.

Mr. Balon stated the applicant placed a sign and lawn furniture out and was informed by Code Enforcement that the business needed a permit for the sign as well as a business registration. He added that according to the city's code sheds are not permitted on vacant properties.

Ms. Jednak explained that the special use permit, if granted, would stay with Mr. McKeever as opposed to a zoning variance which would be permanent to the address. Should Mr. McKeever move or close the business any new business even of the same nature must come back to the Board for site plan review at a minimum.

The Board discussed regulations for a special use permit.

Chairwoman Galanti recommended tabling the agenda item until a representative appears to answer various questions of the Planning Board.

Motion to table: Friend: Second: Smith

All yeas carried 7-0

Item #3

Site Plan Review

Daniel Lewis

33-34 Wilkesbarre Ave

Site Plan Review for rooming house

-Tabled-

Motion to adjourn: Clark: Second: Friend

All yeas carried 7-0