

**TOWN OF ELKTON
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
OCTOBER 16, 2014
MINUTES**

Present: Robert Olewine; Jared Roudybush; Dawn Schwartz; Charles E. Cramer, Jr.; Charles A. Bromwell, Director, Building & Zoning; Jason Allison, Esquire, Attorney

Absent: Shirley Hicks

Mr. Olewine called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ACTION: Motion was made by Mr. Roudybush to approve the minutes from the September 18, 2014 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cramer and unanimously approved.

CASE # 1469 – REQUEST OF MELISSA CATALANO, 129 CROTHERS ROAD, RISING SUN, MARYLAND FOR A SPECIAL EXCEPTION TO PLACE AN ADULT DAYCARE FACILITY IN THE C-2 ZONE. THIS ACTION CONCERNS PROPERTY LOCATED AT 677 E. PULASKI HIGHWAY, ELKTON, MARYLAND, TAX MAP 316, PARCEL 2245, ZONED C-2

Mrs. Patricia Catalano and Mr. Michael Catalano were sworn in as representatives for their daughter, Melissa Catalano. Mrs. Catalano informed the Board that her daughter wishes to open an adult daycare facility in a local strip mall located at 677 E. Pulaski Highway. Due to the fact that one of the conditions of the Special Exception is that the daycare be located in an end unit, they are requesting a waiver of that condition. Mr. Olewine questioned whether they would be occupying the location where the express care facility had been. She answered that they would.

Mr. Olewine asked the hours of operations. Mrs. Catalano stated they would be open for clients from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Monday through Friday. She added that staff hours would be from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and that there would be no evening or weekend hours.

Mr. Olewine asked if they would be providing transportation for their clients. Mrs. Catalano replied that they would be providing transportation to and from the center. Mr. Olewine questioned the number of patients they anticipate. Mrs. Catalano stated the maximum number of clients would be thirty (30). She indicated that their day would consist of social activities and meals.

Mr. Olewine entertained questions from the Board members. Mr. Cramer questioned if any safety measures would be in place for patients who might have dementia due to the facility being in such close proximity to Pulaski Highway. Mrs. Catalano confirmed that the regulations for this type of facility require that the facility have safety protocols in place with regard to access.

Ms. Schwartz questioned whether they were licensed and the ages of clients they would be servicing. Mrs. Catalano responded that the ages would be from 21 years of age and up. Ms. Schwartz asked if they had any prior experience. Mrs. Catalano stated that she and her two daughters are all in the healthcare profession and have experience in caregiving as home health and hospice aides. She added that one of her daughters works at Chesapeake Care Resource and works with disabled adults.

Mr. Roudybush asked if any licensed medical professionals would be working at the facility. Mrs. Catalano stated that a medical director and RN's must be on staff and a medical director has to be on call but RN's must be at the facility whenever it is open. She added that those working during the day must be certified medical professionals (CNA's, DNA's, etc.).

Mr. Olewine inquired whether they would be adding signage for the facility. Mrs. Catalano confirmed that they would be adding new signage and it would be similar to the size used by the express care facility. She noted that they would need to get permission from the landlord for any signage they wish to place.

Mr. Olewine entertained questions or comment from the audience. There were none. He read the Planning Commission recommendation from their October 6, 2014 meeting (copy attached).

MOTION: Motion was made by Ms. Schwartz to approve the request for a special exception for an adult daycare facility at 677 E. Pulaski Highway for a period of two years. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cramer and unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Bromwell informed the Board that no items were submitted for the November meeting.

There being no further business to discuss Mr. Olewine adjourned the meeting at 7:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Humphreys