

**TOWN OF ELKTON  
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS  
SEPTEMBER 20, 2018  
MINUTES**

**Present:** Robert Olewine; Dawn Schwartz; Shirley Hicks; Richard Czernik; Heather Mahaffey; Lisa Hamilton Blackson, Esq., Legal Counsel, Chip Bromwell, Building Official

**Absent:** None

**ACTION:** Motion was made by Ms. Schwartz to approve the minutes from the August 16, 2018 meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Ms. Mahaffey and unanimously approved.

All presenters were sworn in prior to their testimony.

**CASE # 1533 – REQUEST OF THOMAS J. SALAMONE REPRESENTING QUEST DIAGNOSTICS FOR A SPECIAL EXCEPTION TO ALLOW A MEDICAL USE IN THE C-2 ZONE. THIS ACTION CONCERNS PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1000 EAST PULASKI HIGHWAY, ELKTON, MARYLAND, TAX MAP 316, PARCEL 493 AND ZONED C-2 (HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL)**

Mr. Thomas J. Salamone was in attendance to address this request. He stated Quest Diagnostics is a Fortune 200 company which provides health care services such as laboratory and diagnostic testing. They currently have a patient service center on North Street. They have partnered with Walmart as a joint venture to provide services within their retail facilities. The special exception is required for placement of these services within a retail establishment.

He stated there will be no diagnostic tests performed onsite. It is simply a collection station and an access point for patient convenience.

Mr. Olewine inquired as to their hours. Mr. Salamone stated they will be open from 7am - 4pm Monday through Friday and 7am - 2pm on Saturdays. He noted that their facility will be located at the front of the Walmart and will take up approximately 800 square feet.

Mr. Olewine entertained any questions from the Board.

Mr. Czernik inquired whether there were any regulations which cover medical facilities with blood borne pathogens. Mr. Bromwell stated there were no regulations from the Town.

Ms. Schwartz inquired if they have other facilities in the area. He stated their current location is on North Street across from Town Hall. They are hoping the Walmart location will be more convenient for the residents as they do their regular shopping.

Mr. Czernik mentioned that this use will be like the Walgreens Health Center within their buildings. Mr. Salamone agreed.

Ms. Mahaffey inquired as to how many facilities are currently within Walmart stores. Mr. Salamone stated there are approximately 70 throughout the country with Elkton being the first of three in the east. She questioned biohazard containment for the facility. Mr. Salamone stated their sharps and other biohazards will be collected by a third party company which will remove and dispose of these items.

Mr. Czernik inquired whether there would be any testing of samples onsite. Mr. Salamone stated they use chain of custody procedures to ensure proper documentation of all lab work. Drug testing is done onsite only on urinalysis samples.

Mr. Olewine entertained questions or comments from the audience. There were none.

It was confirmed that the Planning Commission Board voted unanimously to recommend approval of this request.

**MOTION: Motion was made by Ms. Mahaffey to approve the special exception for Quest Diagnostic at 1000 E. Pulaski Highway. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hicks and unanimously approved.**

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

The next meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals will be Thursday, October 18, 2018. There have been cases submitted for that meeting.

There being no further questions Mr. Olewine called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 p.m.

There being no further items for discussion Mr. Olewine adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Humphreys