

Borough of Castle Shannon

Planning Commission Minutes for October 16th, 2023

Chairman Marv Levin called the meeting to order at 6:58 PM, as all available board members and public presenters were present. Other Commission members present were Timothy Swisher, Robert Broman, Bill Grand and Zoning Officer Paul Vietmeier. Due to the resignation of regular secretary Vance Kochenderfer, Robert Broman served as Secretary pro tem.

A review of the minutes from the September commission meeting was conducted and a motion was made by Mr. Grand to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Mr. Swisher and was unanimously approved by the board.

The commission was then approached by Mr. Joe Kramer of 138 Vernon Drive, Pittsburgh PA 15228. Mr. Kramer spoke on behalf of Altamira Holdings and was asking to modify the 1st floor of 999 Killarney drive to serve as a mixed space area with an apartment in one half of the floor and an office flex-space on the other half. Mr. Swisher asked if the area had sufficient parking to host such an arrangement and it was confirmed that this was so. Mr. Broman directed a question to Mr. Vietmeier regarding the residential aspects of this request for a C-1 zone and it was noted that this was an acceptable use of the space in a “mixed-use” application. Mr. Grand moved to accept the plan, Mr. Swisher seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed.

Next Ms. Crystal Cooper of 249 Frankfort Avenue, Pittsburgh PA 15229 approached the commission to request installing a medical office in 305 Mount Lebanon Boulevard. This building would be leased to support a UPMC Community Pediatric office. Mr. Swisher again asked if the area had sufficient parking to support the office and Ms. Cooper noted that the area had respectable parking, plus there was additional parking in close proximity to the building. A brief discussion ensued about planned changes to the building, which would be handled under the cognizance of UPMC and following this there were no further questions. Mr. Swisher moved to accept the plan, Mr. Grand seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed.

Lastly Ms. Marta Kharko of 614 Hester Drive, Pittsburgh PA 15220 expressed an interest in opening a tobacco shop at 3421 Library Road. Mr. Swisher inquired into the spectrum of products that the shop would carry and it was noted that all forms of legal substances would be included. With no further questions being asked Mr. Swisher moved to accept the plan, Mr. Grand seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed.

As there was no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Broman and seconded by Mr. Grand. The commission unanimously approved and Chairman Levin adjourned the meeting at 7:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Broman
Secretary pro tem