

**MINUTES
BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG
BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
FEBRUARY 7, 2013**

Chairman Cronheim called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm and stated that notice of this meeting has been posted in Borough Hall, filed with the Borough Clerk and given to the Echoes-Sentinel, Journal and the Courier-News in conformance with the N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq. The salute to the flag followed.

Present on roll call: Fechtner, Hunsinger, Dallas, Kita, Panzarella, Bell, Clemens and Chairman Cronheim

Absent on roll call: Brown

Also Present: Edward P. Bennett, Jr., Zoning Officer, John P. McDonald, Esq., Attorney, and David A. Stires, PE, PP, Engineer

APPLICATIONS:

BA 18-12 Parikh, 121 Park Place, Block 2803 Lot 1.02 – Any and all variance needed to exceed the allowable impervious surface coverage

Mr. & Mrs. Parikh appeared before the Board. They explained how their back yard is very soft due to them being adjacent to a hill and they would like to add a patio. They will exceed the impervious surface coverage by 2%. After discussion it was determined that the calculations were done on an old survey and that they would not increase the impervious. The Board unanimously approved the application and determined at the end of the project a new and accurate survey would be done.

BA 13-01 PSE&G – Sears Auto, 1660 Route 22, Block 6201 Lot 1 – Any and all variances needed to utilize a parking lot for a staging area for a utility project.

Glen Kienz, Esq. appeared for PSE&G. He explained the scope of the project. Raymond Tripodi from PSE&G appeared before the Board and explained how PSE&G wanted to use the Sears Parking Lot as a staging/storage area for the project. Since traffic could still flow through the site and it did not inhibit access to the Watchung Commons site. The Board felt unanimously that there was a temporary need for this use in order for the project to proceed. The application was approved and the applicant would contact Mr. Bennett to ask the Mayor and Council for relief on construction hours.

INTERPRETATION:

BA 13-02 Pretty Kitty @ Watchung Commons, 1680 Route 22, Block 6201 Lot 3 – Interpretation of the Ordinance to allow a use not defined in the Ordinance

Al Krull appeared before the Board for Watchung Commons. He explained that the Pretty Kitty was a full service hair removal salon, working under the same premises as hair salon would.

The Board had no questions and felt unanimously that this use did fall within the premis of the Ordinance and that a variance was not needed.

RESOLUTION:

BA 17-12 Blue Ridge Properties, 708 Somerset Street, Block 4701 Lot 6 - Any and all variances needed to replace an existing sign on a commercial property. Approved

REQUESTS:

Watchung Board of Education Budget Workshop Sign Approved

VOUCHERS:

Dave Stires: Professional Services \$2470.00

There being no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned until the next regularly scheduled meeting of March 7, 2013 at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine M. Hammel
Clerk, Board of Adjustment