

Board of Zoning Appeals  
Minutes  
April 13, 2010

I. Call to order

Chairman Guy Taylor called the regular meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals to order on April 13, 2010 at 5:30PM in the Building Department Conference Room, 1301 Palm Boulevard. Other members present were Frances Anderson, Arnold Karig, Mike Layman and Tom Miller; also Secretary Douglas Kerr was present. Mr. Kerr explained that the meeting was advertised in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act.

II. Approval of Minutes

The next item on the agenda was the review of the minutes of the February 9, 2010 meeting. Mr. Miller made a motion to approve the minutes and Mr. Karig seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

III. Home Occupations

Mr. Taylor explained that the Board acted as a quasi-judicial body and all comments made were treated in the same manner as court testimony and therefore any person who would like to speak to the Board should be sworn in. He then swore in all members of the audience that would be speaking.

**#16- 22<sup>nd</sup> Avenue**

Mr. Kerr explained that the applicant is requesting a special exception to allow the establishment of a landscaping consulting business in her home. He explained that the applicant would be doing office work only at the house and has indicated that there will be no business related traffic coming to the house, no exterior evidence of a business and no employees working at the house.

Mr. Taylor asked the what type of consultation she would be providing. The applicant, Ms. Menches, answered she would be advising do-it-yourself type owners on how to care for their plants and what types of plants will work in their yard as well as providing some design services.

Ms. Anderson asked how this work differed from the services a landscape architect would provide. Ms. Menches answered that in addition to what she does, a landscape architect would design physical changes to a property in terms of structures and changing grades, which she would not do.

Mr. Taylor asked if she were aware that she could not display signage, including vehicle signs. Ms. Menches answered yes. Mr. Karig made a motion to approve the request and Ms. seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion to approve the request.

## **20 Ocean Point**

Mr. Kerr explained that the applicant is requesting a special exception to allow the establishment of an internet services business at the home. He explained that the work would involve providing pediatric medical practices with a secure way of messaging with their clients. He explained that the applicant would be doing office work only at the house and there would be no traffic to the residence and no exterior evidence of a business and no other employees working at the house.

Mr. Stapleton, the applicant, added that e-mail is not HIPAA compliant and he has developed a system that encrypts messages, similar to the systems used by banks, that is secure and HIPAA compliant that he is developing for his firm and is hopeful that he will be able to sell to other firms.

Mr. Layman asked what specifically the final product would be. Mr. Stapleton answered it would be a website that he would maintain. Ms. Anderson asked if there were similar services already available. Mr. Stapleton answered that there are companies that are providing secured messaging, but they are offering the product in a different fashion than what he is proposing.

Mr. Miller asked why he would not base the business out of his existing medical office and use that address. Mr. Stapleton answered that he would prefer to pay the license fees to the City of Isle of Palms than to another jurisdiction.

Ms. Anderson made a motion to approve the request and Mr. Miller seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion to approve the request.

## **III Adjournment**

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:45PM.