

Minutes of the Antrim Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting July 20, 1999.

Present: Tom Lawless, Chairman; Carol Court; Tom Cochran and Alternate Ben Pratt.

Chairman Lawless called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. and the Board introduced themselves. Chairman Lawless explained the procedure to be followed for tonight's meeting. Chairman Lawless asked the applicant to present his proposal. Steve Stockwell trustee for the Antrim Baptist Church passed out a proposal showing the different phases of construction for the proposed apartment. Mr. Stockwell explained that currently the Parsonage is a one family 4-bedroom home, he is proposing to convert it into two units each will consist of 2-bedrooms. Mr. Stockwell stated that they are not planning to keep the Parsonage as a two family home forever, they are planning to in the future renovate and reutilize the space for church related programs. Tom Cochran asked if they had any potential renters lined up and asked who occupies the space now? Mr. Stockwell stated that the Pastor has been living there but he will be relocating and that at this point no tenants are lined up. Charles Boucher stated that tenants would be carefully chosen whereas they would reflect on the church. Ben Pratt read from the Antrim Zoning Ordinance the lot requirements for this particular area. Mr. Pratt inquired as to how many acres the church has and asked about parking. The church has 1 acre and Mr. Boucher stated that he has contacted the Department of Transportation and they advised him to submit a formal application after going before the Board and then they would send verification of their approval. Chairman Lawless read from the Zoning Ordinance the requirements for Conversion Apartments and Parking requirements. Tom Cochran asked if they were doing the work themselves or if they had hired an Architect. Mr. Stockwell stated that they are depending on Board and Church Members. Chairman Lawless closed the hearing and went into deliberations.

The Board addressed the three criteria for a Special Exception:

1. Is the use one that is ordinarily prohibited in the district? Ben Pratt, yes; Tom Lawless, yes; Carol Court, yes; Tom Cochran, yes.
2. Is the use specifically allowed as a Special Exception under the terms of the ordinance? Ben Pratt, yes; Tom Lawless, yes; Carol Court, yes; Tom Cochran, yes.
3. Are the conditions specified in the Ordinance for granting the exception met in the particular case? Ben Pratt, yes; Tom Lawless, yes; Carol Court, yes; Tom Cochran, yes.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sherry Miller