

SUMMIT TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

November 16, 2010

MEMBERS PRESENT: Raymond McQuillan, Chairman; Robert Simmons, Vice Chairman; Dennis Hackett, Secretary; Natalie Stopyak, Recreation Planning Commission Liaison; George Gancsos, Zoning Board of Appeals Liaison; Gordon Heins, Township Board Liaison; Stephen Artz, Jack Shelby, Richard Erhardt and John Worden, Summit Township Zoning Administrator.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

The meeting was called to order by R. McQuillan, Chairman, on Tuesday, September 21, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Township Hall meeting room at 2121 Ferguson Road.

A motion was made by G. Heins, supported by R. Erhardt, to approve the Tuesday, August 17, 2010 minutes as written. The motion carried unanimously.

Case #10-11-0020 – Home Occupation Type 2 – 1226 Hampton Dr – Pilates Studio – Physical Fitness System – Tina Farkas, Applicant

A public hearing was held on behalf of Tina Farkas, of 1226 Hampton Drive, to allow a Pilates studio part time out of her home as a home occupation. She usually works one on one with her clients and has a set time for her classes during the weekdays. Her classes would consist of either a one on one class or a semi private class of four people. She has about twenty clients and between four to six clients will be there at any one time and will use her driveway that can hold up to six vehicles. She noted there may be occasions when clients will park on the road side.

R. Erhardt asked if the applicant would work twelve hours a week

Tina Farkas responded twelve to fifteen hours at a maximum will be devoted to the Pilates Studio because she works as a hygienist.

N. Stopyak questioned if her neighborhood was an association.

Tina Farkas responded no, that there is a daycare in the neighborhood and her studio would have less traffic.

In Support:

John Griffin, 1221 Hampton, is a neighbor to the Farkas' and has no concerns about the proposal and is in full support.

In Opposition:

Tiger Ehyagarhan, 3360 West Lane, was concerned about increase of traffic, the parking situation and the type of people that will be coming and going.

Marie Baxter, 1229 Hampton, was concerned about parking but now that she heard from the applicant she is more at ease. She inquired about signage

R. McQuillan, Chairman, advised the township ordinance states a 3 square foot sign that is fixed to the building is allowed.

J. Shelby asked if you could limit the parking to the driveway only

J. Worden stated the road is public and cannot restrict anyone from parking in the road without permission from the Jackson County Road Commission.

S. Artz questioned if the applicant planned to put any signs up.

Applicant T. Farkas responded no signs will be placed.

A motion was made by R. Simmons, supported by G. Gancsos, to recommend to the Township Board approval of the Conditional Use Home Occupation request for a Pilates Studio to operate between the hours of 8:30 am – 6:30 pm on Monday-Friday and Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 pm and a maximum of 6 individuals at one time. The motion was carried unanimously.

A motion was made by S. Artz, supported by J. Shelby, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Dennis Hackett, Secretary
Summit Township Planning Commission