

June 29, 2009, Public Hearing

The Clarion Borough Housing and Zoning Committee held a Public Hearing on June 29, 2009, at 4:30 p.m. in the Clarion Borough Offices. The purpose of the hearing was to receive comments regarding proposed amendments to Zoning Ordinance #2003-719.

A list of those people in attendance is attached to the Official File Copy of these minutes.

Mr. Zerfoss, Chairman of the Housing and Zoning Committee, called the hearing to order at 4:34 p.m.

Mr. Zerfoss noted this Public Hearing is to receive testimony regarding proposed amendments to Clarion Borough's Zoning Ordinance #2003-719. The amendment concerns permitting commercial parking lots as a conditional use in the C-1 Commercial Business District. Mr. Zerfoss stated the County Planning made no comment and the Borough Planning Commission approved the amendment. Mr. Zerfoss asked if anyone present wishes to speak at this time for or against what is proposed.

Ms. Leonard asked for the definition of commercial parking lot, which President Wilshire read into the record. Ms. Leonard questioned if rental basis would include a parking lot with a gated access and membership only.

Mr. Ragon stated his original assumption was the requirement for a membership and a key card to the lot satisfied the rental section of the Ordinance.

Ms. Leonard noted you have to be a member of the military or have a relative in the military to obtain a membership to the Legion.

Mr. Ragon stated that doesn't have anything to do with this hearing.

President Wilshire commented the Legion isn't the reason for this hearing and added the University Lot across from Tippen is a similar situation with the students buying a parking permit to use that lot. Also, you can purchase a social membership to the Legion, which entitles you to the use to the lot.

Hearing no further comments or questions, Mr. Zerfoss stated this amendment will be brought up for approval at the Council Meeting. The Public Hearing was adjourned at 4:43 p.m.

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