

Franklin Township, Portage County
Board of Zoning Appeals
December 10, 2018

Present: Chair David Hansford, Marilyn Sessions, Glenn Russell, Shawn Martin and Justin Moneyppenny; Board Members Sam Abell, Zoning Inspector; and Jenny August, Administrative Assistant.

Mr. Hansford called the Board of Zoning Appeals meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. He introduced the Board Members and explained the procedures for the meeting.

7:00 Hearing:

At 7:00 p.m. an application by K-Jin LLC (Chen Wong), 2009 Crossfield Circle Kent for the property located at 1935 State Route 59 (parcel number 12-021-00-00-027.000) was heard for a conditional use where the intended business occupancy (event hall, party space, lounge and arcade) is not listed as a permitted or conditionally permitted use in the C-1 district.

Mr. Hansford asked who is here to speak to this tonight. Mr. Javon Miller of 1800 Rhodes Road, Kent was sworn in representing Mr. Chen Wong of 2009 Crossfield Circle, Kent. Mr. Miller said the business will be called "Arise Entertainment" and it will be an alternative to standard bars. Some of the entertainment will include; open mike night, poetry reading, karaoke, workshops, and parties. They plan to be open Thursday through Saturday nights with a cover charge. The plans also include arcade games. This is a non alcoholic event center, and there will be security. Some of the money raised will go towards scholarships, fundraisers and things of that nature.

Mr. Russell asked what kind of security they plan to have. Mr. Miller said they are working with a company called "Constant Protection". They are all off-duty police officers. One will be armed.

Mrs. Sessions asked if a liquor permit comes with the property. Mr. Miller said no.

Mr. Martin asked what hours they plan to be open. The hours will be Thursday through Saturday 9:00 pm to 2:00 am, and Saturday 8:00 pm to 2:00 am.

Mr. Hansford suggested looking at the Standards for a Use Variance. The Board reviewed the Standards for a use variance: A=yes, B=no, C=no, D=yes, E=yes, F=yes, G-Yes.

Mr. Chen Wong of 2009 Crossfield Circle Kent was sworn in. He discussed the parking and security services with the Board. Zoning Inspector Abell said that this is not a building with a sprinkling system, so occupancy is limited. Mrs. Sessions asked if they will prepare food there, or if it will be catered. It will be catered, and they will not provide alcohol.

Mr. Hansford asked if anyone in the audience would like to comment. Trustee Keith Benjamin of 6206 Sixth Ave. Kent was sworn in. Mr. Benjamin said people can bring their own alcohol to this establishment. No permit or liquor license is needed, however the state does need notified.

Mr. Hansford moved to grant a conditional use of intended business occupancy (event hall, party space, lounge, or arcade) to be located at 1935 S.R. 59 with a second from Mr. Russell. All Board members voted yes. The variance was approved.

Mr. Hansford noted that there was a 30-day appeal period that would begin after the minutes of this meeting were journalized. The journalizing will occur at the next meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Approval of Minutes: Mr. Russell moved to approve the minutes as presented from the November 12, 2018 meeting. Mr. Moneypenny seconded the motion. All Board members voted yes. The meeting minutes were approved.

Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for January 14, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:19 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Jenny August
Administrative Assistant
Board of Zoning Appeals

Approved as submitted:

Chairperson, David Hansford

Approved as amended:

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