

APPROVED

A public hearing before the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Williamson was held on May 26, 2011, in the Town Conference Room at 8:05 p.m.

The following members were

Present: Jay Peters, Chairman
Bruce Akins
Kurt Allman

Absent: Ernie Norton
Jordan Szklany

Also present: Matthew and Becky Sprague, Kirk and Jennifer Baker and Stephen C. Haywood, Assessor/Building Inspector

The minutes of the April 28, 2011, meeting were submitted for approval. A motion was made by Kurt Allman and seconded by Bruce Akins to approve said minutes. All voted in favor of the motion.

Agenda items:

Appeal No. 785: First Presbyterian Church, of 4057 Ridge Road, Williamson, NY 14589. Applicant is requesting a Special Use permit for a youth café. Property is owned by John Palmer and is located on 4122 Ridge Road, Williamson. Zoned C-1.

Steve Haywood spoke and gave a background to the Board that this was the second time that the Presbyterian Church applied for a special use permit for the youth café. The other prospective was at the old Town Hall, which was subsequently withdrawn. Mr. Haywood indicated that the new location is in a commercial zone, which is permitted by a special use.

Mr. Haywood asked if they have been in touch with the Dept. of Health. Mr. Sprague indicated that, since there would be no cooking involved, just, coffee, juice and light snacks, the Health Dept. has limited involvement.

Kurt Allman asked if special conditions were put in place, if it would stay with the property. Mr. Haywood indicated that they would.

Jay asked about sprinklers and exits. Mr. Baker indicated there were none. There is a rear exit with a landing with steps.

Bruce Akins asked what is the driving force for this cafe? Mr. Sprague indicated that they would like to give a place for the youth to go after school and on Saturday where they can gather with friends.

Mr. Haywood asked what hours they planned to have the café opened. Mr. Sprague indicated that it would be before and after school and on Saturdays, depending on availability of volunteers.

Kurt Allman was concerned with the youth loitering on the streets and the problems that were Mr. Baker indicated that there would be supervising adults to prevent this from happening.

Chairman Peters asked if there were any public comments or concerns. Mr. Haywood indicated that Jim Harding and Frank Clark reviewed the application. Mr. Haywood indicated that Frank Clark had concerns regarding the safety of the youth and standing around outside of the building.

There being no further discussion, Bruce Akins motioned to refer Appeal No. 785 to the Planning Board. Kurt Allman seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, all voted in favor of the motion.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Kurt Allman to adjourn the meeting. Bruce Akins seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula J. Dathyn, Secretary