

**Slippery Rock Township Zoning Hearing Board**  
**Minutes for: 2-15-2023 – Public Hearing #2023-1**  
**Special Exception for David Hutner**

Chairman, Tom Gaul called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Zoning Hearing Board members Jim Anderson Craig Caldwell and Alternate, Stephen Shinsky were present along with solicitor, Alan Shaddinger plus Zoning officer, Mark Lazzari. One member of the public was present.

***Jim Anderson made a motion to approve the ZHB organization minutes dated 1/4/2023. Craig Caldwell seconded and the motion carried unanimously.***

Tom turned over the public hearing to solicitor, Alan Shaddinger.

Alan made an opening statement and summarized the purpose of the public hearing noting the applicant, David Hutner resides at 112 Lone Pine Way, SR PA, map/parcel # 280-S3-A32-0000 and zoned R-1 Low Density zoning district. Mr. Hutner wants to operate a business involving transactions required for the sale or transfer of firearms.

Alan announced that there was no public present except the applicant, David Hutner and asked that he be sworn in by the stenographer. So, done.

Alan made the following documentation part of the record:

- Application dated 1/13/2023.
- Two Legal notices advertised in the Butler Eagle newspaper.
- Butler County Planning Commission comments.
- Slippery Rock Planning Commission comments.

Alan turned the hearing over to the applicant, David Hutner who described his proposed business and highlighted the following key points:

- Applying for a Federal Firearms License (FFL); issued by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco Firearms and Explosives (ATF) – departments within the US Department of Justice.
- No intent to operate a gun shop open to the public.
- His intent is to assist persons wishing to buy, sale, or transfer firearms, which would include, secure the the registration and perform background checks.
- He would only conduct business by appointment and between the hours of 8am – 9pm.
- He has off street parking for one customer at a time which is by appointment.
- If he would want to grow this business, he would seek another business location outside of his home.
- He has appropriate facilities for the safekeeping of guns.
- He believes his activity would have no impact on his neighborhood.

The discussion ensued between the applicant, the board and Mark Lazzari. The board suggested some reasonable conditions as follows:

- This business not to be expanded or changed without returning to the Board.
- Business conducted by appointment only between 8am - 9pm. No signs or displays to invite the public.
- The operation shall conform to all ordinance standards as noted in Section 306.21 plus any applicable laws.
- Any breach of the set conditions shall be a violation of the permit granted and violation of SR TWP Zoning Ordinance and applicable law.

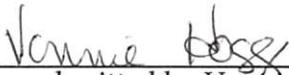
***Jim Anderson made a motion to approve the special exception for David Hutner per the above noted ZHB conditions. Craig Caldwell seconded and the motion carried unanimously.***


Alan added that a written decision which will be reviewed and signed by the board.

Alan noted that another formal meeting would have to be scheduled with the board to review and sign the final written decision. Alan asked David if he was willing, since there was no public attending or opposition, to waive this formal meeting and allow the board to adopt and sign the final decision. David Hutner agreed to waive any meeting requirement for the Board's adoption of the written decision.

Alan noted that the ZHB will conduct a special meeting for other business after the adjournment of this public hearing.

***Tom Gaul made a motion to adjourn at 1:30 p.m. Jim Anderson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.***

  
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Minutes submitted by Vonnie Hogg

  
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Chairman – Tom Gaul

  
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Vice Chairman – Jim Anderson

  
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Secretary – Craig Caldwell