BEFORE THE ZONING HEARING BOARD

TOWNSHIP OF EAST LAMPETER

IN RE:

: No. 2019-27

APPLICATION OF ALEX REEDY

DECISION

I. FINDINGS OF FACT

- Applicant is Alex Reedy, 331 Shetland Drive, Lancaster,
 Pennsylvania 17601 ("Applicant").
- 2. The property which is the subject of the instant application is 331 Shetland Drive, East Lampeter Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania (the "Property").
- 3. The Property is located in the Low Density Residential (R-1) District as shown on the Official Zoning Map of East Lampeter Township.
 - 4. Applicant is the owner of the Property.
- 5. Notice of the hearing on the within application was duly advertised and posted in accordance with the provisions of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code ("MPC") and the East Lampeter Zoning Ordinance of 2016 (the "Zoning Ordinance").
- 6. A public hearing was held before the Zoning Hearing Board of East Lampeter Township ("Board") on this application on January 23, 2020.

- 7. Testimony at the hearing was stenographically recorded.
- 8. Applicant appeared personally at the hearing.
- 9. Applicant has requested a special exception pursuant to Section 5020.C.4 and Section 23370 of the Zoning Ordinance.
- 10. Section 5020.C.4 of the Zoning Ordinance permits minimal impact home occupations by special exception subject to the provisions of Section 23370 of the Zoning Ordinance.
 - 11. The Property is improved with a single family dwelling.
 - 12. Applicant and his family reside within the dwelling.
- 13. The dwelling contains floor space as shown on the plans and materials presented by Applicant.
- 14. Applicant proposes to sell miscellaneous vintage furniture on-line and have customers pick up the furniture at the Property.
- 15. The area to be used for the storage of the vintage furniture is more fully shown on the plans and materials presented by the Applicant and will be mostly located within the attached garage (approximately 200 square feet). In no event will the area exceed the maximum permitted by the Zoning Ordinance.
- 16. The Property is be served by public sewer service and public water service and both are sufficient for Applicant's proposed use.
- 17. There are no nonresident employees of the home occupation.

- 18. Only one customer at a time will come to the Property for furniture pick-up.
- 19. The exterior appearance of the dwelling shall be maintained as a residence.
- 20. There will be no storage or display of goods which will be visible from outside the dwelling.
- 21. There will be no external storage of materials or products.
- 22. No explosive or highly combustible materials will be stored on the premises.
- 23. The proposed use will not generate waste products or material of a quality or quantity not normally associated with a residential use.
- 24. There is sufficient parking on the Property for the dwelling and the proposed use.
 - 25. No persons appeared in opposition to the application.

II. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. An applicant for a special exception has the burden of persuasion as to the specific criteria and standards of the zoning ordinance. Abbey v. Zoning Hearing Board of the Borough of East Stroudsburg, 126 Pa. Commonwealth Ct. 235, 559 A.2d 107 (1989); Bray v. Zoning Board of Adjustment of the City of Philadelphia, 48 Pa. Commonwealth Ct. 523, 410 A.2d 909 (1980).

- 2. Section 5020.C.4 of the Zoning Ordinance permits minimal impact home occupations by special exception subject to the provisions of Section 23370 of the Zoning Ordinance.
- 3. Applicant has satisfied the requirements for a special exception pursuant to Section 5020.C.4 and Section 23370 of the Zoning Ordinance.
- 4. Conditions must be imposed on the granting of the special exception in order to preserve and protect the surrounding neighborhood and the purposes of the Zoning Ordinance.

III. DECISION

Based upon the foregoing findings of fact and conclusions of law, the Zoning Hearing Board of the Township of East Lampeter hereby grants the application of Alex Reedy for a special exception pursuant to Section 5020.C.4 and Section 23370 of the Zoning Ordinance. This special exception shall be subject to the following conditions and safeguards which the Board deems necessary to implement the purposes of the Zoning Ordinance and the MPC:

- 1. Applicant shall obtain all approvals and permits required by applicable federal, state and Township laws and regulations.
- 2. Applicant shall at all times comply with and adhere to the information and representations submitted with and contained in his application and the evidence presented to the Board at the hearing held on January 23, 2020.

- 3. Any violation of the conditions contained in this Decision shall be considered a violation of the Zoning Ordinance and shall be subject to the penalties and remedies contained in the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code.
- 4. The approval granted by this Decision shall expire in accordance with the terms of Section 25070 of the Zoning Ordinance.
- 5. The foregoing Decision shall be binding upon the Applicant and his heirs, personal representatives, successors and assigns.

ZONING HEARING BOARD OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST LAMPETER

James Glick, Chairman

J. Scott Enterline, Vice-Chairman

Jordan Good, Alternate

Dated and filed February 27, 2020, after hearing held on January 23, 2020.

The undersigned certifies that a copy of this Decision was served upon all parties on or prior to February 28, 2020.