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Petition of Gerard J. Lapierre

Pursuant to due notice the Board of Appeal held a public hearing in the hearing room on the second floor of the Town Hall at 8:05 p.m. on April 30, 1970, on the petition of Gerard J. Lapierre, requesting permission to conduct a counseling service with families of children who are experiencing personality, social or school problems, in his home at 144 Brook Street as provided under Section XXIV-E of the Zoning By-law.

On April 8, 1970, the petitioner filed an application with this Board requesting a hearing and thereafter due notice of the hearing was given by mailing and publication.

The petitioner spoke in support of the petition at the hearing. No objections were made to the granting of the request.

Statement of Facts

The house involved is located within a Single-residence District, a district in which the desired use of the property is not permitted unless special permission is granted by the Board of Appeal.

The petitioner seeks permission to use his home on a part-time basis for the purpose of consultation and counseling with families of children who are experiencing personality, social or school problems.

It was alleged that some parents are reluctant to use public agencies for such counseling because of long waiting lists, limited hours and limited treatment time. Such agencies are not usually opened in the evenings and on week-ends when most fathers are free to participate in the counseling process.

It was explained by the petitioner that he now has a full-time position and intends to provide this service, if permission is granted, two evenings a week and by appointment only. If there is an increasing need for his service in the future, he will make other arrangements at a different location.

Decision

The Board feels, from the evidence submitted, that there is a real need for the requested permission to be granted and that the non-conforming use of the property at the limited times designated by the petitioner, will not reduce the value of any property within the district or otherwise injure the neighborhood.

Accordingly, the request is granted, under the provisions of Section XXIV-E of the Zoning By-law, subject to the following conditions:

1. That said service shall be conducted on a part-time basis only and by appointment only.
2. That no signs advertising or incidental to the service be displayed on the property.
3. That said permit shall remain valid only so long as the petitioner occupies the premises.
4. That said permit shall expire one year from this date.

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