

**MINUTES OF THE IBERIA PARISH BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT MEETING CONDUCTED ON
THURSDAY MAY 19, 2011 AT 5:30PM IN THE IBERIA PARISH COUNCIL CHAMBERS
300 IBERIA STREET, NEW IBERIA, LOUISIANA 70560**

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Tommy Granger determined there was a quorum and called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bruce Dupray, Tommy Granger, Jane Braud, Barbara Laviolette, Dana Dugas, Ronald Fremin and David Fangue

MEMBERS ABSENT: Lanie Borel and Perry Judice

OTHERS PRESENT: Dean Wattigny, Julie Armentor and John Raines

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: None

Agenda Item #1: Shane Rogers – Operation of Home Occupation to install auto accessories and audio equipment only. Mr. Rogers came into the office for a home occupation to install auto accessories and audio equipment in a shop in the back of his house. John Raines explained the site was zoned residential and this was a commercial business which was not allowed in this area. John told him that there was a provision in the ordinance that provides for Home Occupation and gave him a copy of the Home Occupation section of the Ordinance and Mr. Rogers said he would be able to comply and requested approval. John said that we have had quite a few phone calls opposing this request and we also had a few calls stating they did not mind the business there.

Jane Braud stated that a home occupation takes place inside of a dwelling and asked if the shed was part of the dwelling or under roof. John said the shop was not attached to the house.

Amanda Hebert addressed the Commission stating that the shop that he is operating is two houses down from her house and very disturbing and noisy. She said the neighborhood was residential and he should not be able to have a business there. She also said he works until about 9:00 at night during the week and very late on weekends.

Other neighbors addressed the Commission complaining about the noise. One of the neighbors said the noise was so loud that the walls of his house rattled.

Mr. Louis Pittman spoke to the Commission about the restrictions on this subdivision property.

He said after hearing the comments from the neighbors he said he will be enforcing the restrictions.

Samuel Bond said if Mr. Rogers was granted this license he would like to have some sort of noise abatement. He also suggested that Mr. Rogers put up some sort of fencing.

Jane Braud stated that Home Occupations shall occupy a maximum of 10% of the gross floor area of the dwelling unit (excluding garages, attached or detached, and accessory buildings) and he did not qualify for a Home Occupation.

Jane made a motion to deny the request and Ronald Fremin seconded the motion; the vote was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Bruce Dupray made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by David Fangué; the vote was unanimous.

**Submitted by John R. Raines
Director, Department of Permitting, Planning and Zoning**