

**BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD
PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA
MONDAY AUGUST 6, 2018
7:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
4. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR on the conditional use application to operate bed and breakfasts at 166 Race Street
5. Adjournment

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CALL TO ORDER

President Schaefer called the meeting of the Borough of Edgewood to order at 7:03 pm in the Municipal Building.

ROLL CALL

Upon roll call, the following responded: Mr. Bright, Mr. Wainright, Mr. O'Donnell, Mr. Fuller and Ms. Schaefer.

Solicitor Barry was also present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

President Schaefer asked for items from the floor to receive public comment on the conditional use application submitted by Martha Rial and Stephen Willing to operate a bed and breakfast at 166 Race Street.

Agnes Lesko -199 Dewey Avenue

Ms. Lesko said that she is opposed to Airbnb's, and expressed concern about cars parking on the street, the length of time tenants were staying, and the lack of tenants being vetted. She said she disapproved of them operating in Edgewood Borough.

Martha Rial -166 Race Street

Ms. Rial said that she operated the Airbnb at 166 Race Street, and that it has been an amazing experience for her. She rented a room for about 50 nights per year, and stated that the host vets the guests and she only rents to those who meet her requirements. The majority of her guests have been visiting college professors, college interns, or senior citizens with adult children in the neighborhood. She discussed Airbnb's guest review procedures that allow her to screen guests, and stated that she does not accept guests who she believes are coming to party. She stated her belief that the sharing economy is here to stay. As a freelance journalist and photographer, Ms. Rial stated that her Airbnb income has allowed her to pursue community based art projects that she would not have been able to be a part of otherwise.

Ben Love -112 Race Street

Mr. Love asked if a conditional use follows with a property. Ms. Bastianini said that it does.

M-1 Ms. Schaefer adjourned the meeting at 7:25 pm.


Julie P. Bastianini, Borough Manager