

BOARD OF APPEALS

May 3, 2007

Please note: Minutes are unofficial until approved by the Board of Appeals at their next regular scheduled meeting.

The meeting was called to order at New Berlin City Hall, at 7:00 PM.

On roll call, Brian McGrath Chairman, Loohauis, Klappa, Galke, and Valerius . Also present was Code Compliance Specialist Jessica Schmidt.

Excused: John Goetter and Dennis Bohlen

Motion by Jim Klappa to approve the minutes from the Board of Appeals meeting from April 12, 2007, seconded by Brian Loohauis and carried unanimously.

Chairman McGrath reviewed the procedures for taking testimony for the pending petitions with the persons assembled for the meeting, noting that if your case was approved, a building permit is required and it can be picked up at the Building Inspection Department. Mr. McGrath also noted that it takes 4 affirmative votes to approve any variance request.

The first petition called was that of Ann & Bob Rohloff, Case No.2540. Mr. McGrath read the petition. It was noted that 14 addresses were notified by mail and that publication had been made on two occasions. Mr. & Mrs. Rohloff owner of 17025 W Sundown came forward to speak in favor of the petition. Mr. Rohloff explained the main reason for getting a variance for the accessory building is for a painting studio for his wife.

There was no one further to speak in favor of the petition, and there was one person to speak in opposition to the petition.

Case No. 2535 was declared closed.

The petition considered by the Board was that of John Himmelspach, Case No. 2535. Mr. Klappa made a motion to approve the variance and Mr. Goetter seconded the motion.

The petition for a variance was approved 4 to 1.

The second petition called was that of Craig & Kelly Plazak, Case No.2537. Mr. McGrath read the petition. It was noted that 38 addresses were notified by mail and that publication had been made on two occasions. Chris Egner, representing Four Seasons Sunrooms, 13198 W National Ave came forward to speak in favor of the petition. Mr. Egner explained the main reason for getting a variance for the sunroom that the house has an open area concept and they would like to have a room that can be closed for the kids to do homework. Mr. Egner also explained that they would like to have a mudroom for when you come in for shoes and coats.

There was no one further to speak in favor of the petition, and there was no one to speak in opposition to the petition. Case No. 2537 was declared closed.

The petition considered by the Board was that of Craig & Kelly Plazak, Case No. 2537. Mr. Goetter made a motion to deny the variance and Mr. McGrath seconded the motion.

The petition for a variance denied 3 to 2.

The third petition called was that of Joel Weiner, Case No.2538. Mr. McGrath read the petition. It was noted that 16 addresses were notified by mail and that publication had been made on two occasions. Joel Weiner, owner of 13135 W Longleaf Dr came forward to speak in favor of the petition. Mr. Weiner explained the main reason for getting a variance for the deck so they have two first floor exists and that they have an odd shaped lot.

There was no one further to speak in favor of the petition, and there was no one to speak in opposition to the petition. Case No. 2538 was declared closed.

The petition considered by the Board was that of Joel Weiner, Case No. 2538. Mr. Klappa made a motion to approve the variance and Mr. Loohauis seconded the motion.

The petition for a variance was approved 4 to 1.

The fourth petition called was that of Douglas Bachert, Case No.2539. Mr. McGrath read the petition. It was noted that 21 addresses were notified by mail and that publication had been made on two occasions. Douglas Bachert, owner of 3705 S Moorland Rd came forward to speak in favor of the petition. Mr. Bachert explained the main reason for getting a variance for the shed is to keep it in the same spot that the original shed was located. Mr. Bachert also explained the rear yard has no room for a shed. There is a privacy fence that belongs to the Q'doba plaza and Mr. Bachert is maintaining all the property on his side of the fence.

There was no one further to speak in favor of the petition, and there was no one to speak in opposition to the petition. Case No. 2539 was declared closed.

The petition considered by the Board was that of Douglas Bachert, Case No. 2539. Mr. Goetter made a motion to approve the variance with the condition that the shed is no bigger than the existing size structure and Mr. Klappa seconded the motion.

The petition for a variance was approved 5 to 0.

There being no further matters to be discussed in front of the Board of Appeals, the said meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Lori Schulpus, Inspection
Clerk/Typist