

BOARD OF APPEALS

August 4, 2005

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

On roll call, Chairman McGrath, Galke, Bohlen, Loohuis, Goetter and Jim Klappa. Also present was Inspection Services Manager Robert Sigrist.

Excused: Leo Wallner

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 Watertower LLC, Case No.2507. Mr. McGrath read the petition.

**Motion by Brian McGrath to withdraw Case #2507 from the agenda due to the fact that the Planning Division has determined that no variance is required for the parking lot expansion, as submitted, at 14999 W. Beloit Road. Seconded by Dennis Bohlen. Upon voting, motion passes unanimously.**

The second petition called was that of Catherine Wagner, Case No.2504. Mr. McGrath read the petition. It was noted that 37 addresses were notified by mail and that publication had been made on two occasions. Mr. Wagner, homeowner of 13625 W. Thomas Drive came forward to speak in favor of the petition. Mr. Wagner explained the main reason for getting a variance for the attached carport is to store his car(s), which is a mustang 2005 that he shows nationally. He wants to protect the car(s) from anything that would damage the vehicle(s), for instance big branches. The carport posts would match the existing porch posts and the roof shingles would be the same color as the existing roofline. Mr. Wagner expressed storing his vehicle in a storage unit is too expensive and would not be an option. The new carport would be 12-feet wide and 20-feet long. The petitioner's house was built in 1976 and it sits on a corner 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. 2504 was declared closed.

The third petition called was that of Michael Mueller, Case No.2505. Mr. McGrath read the petition. It was noted that 33 addresses were notified by mail and that publication had been made on two occasions. Mr. Mueller, homeowner of 14330 W. Park Avenue came forward to speak in favor of the petition. Mr. Mueller explained the reason he would like to get a variance for the addition to his home is due to the couple are expecting a baby and need a fourth bedroom, plus a home office space. He expressed the lot is so oddly shaped, there are no other options to put the addition anywhere else. The siding and roofing will match the existing house colors. There was also two letters from neighbors in favor of the petition. There is one letter on file that opposes the addition and that property is located at 14355 W. Rogers Drive.

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

The fourth petition called was that of Steven Olson, Case No. 2506. Mr. McGrath read the petition. It was noted that 34 addresses were notified by mail and that publication had been made on two occasions. Mr. Olson, homeowner of 1525 S. 168<sup>th</sup> Street came forward to speak in favor of the petition. Mr. Olson explained the reason he would like to get a variance is the existing garage is too small. The garage is also in very bad shape and just falling apart with the concrete cracked and heaving. Per Mr. Olson, the new garage would be 30-feet from the home to provide more adequate maneuvering space to get vehicle(s) in and out of the garage. When lots were developed in this subdivision, this particular lot was only made 60-feet wide. There are eight signatures on file stating they approve of the new garage.

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

Mr. McGrath declared the evidentiary portion of the meeting completed, and the Board made the following decisions.

**The second petition considered by the Board was that of Catherine Wagner, Case No. 2504. Mr. Loohuis made a motion to approve the petition and, Mr. Galke seconded the motion.**

**The petition for a variance was denied 3-2.**

**The third petition considered by the Board was that of Michael Mueller, Case No.2505. Mr. Klappa made a motion to approve the petition and Mr. Galke seconded the motion.**

**The petition for a variance was unanimously approved 5-0.**

**The fourth petition considered by the Board was that of Steven Olson, Case No.2506. Mr. McGrath made a motion to approve the petition and Mr. Glake seconded the motion.**

**The petition for a variance was unanimously passed 5-0.**

There being no further matters to be discussed in front of the Board of Appeals, the said meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

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Brian McGrath, Chairman