

BOARD OF APPEALS

May 1, 2008

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, Chairman Brian McGrath, Bohlen, Valerius, Klappa, Galke, and Goetter. Also present was Inspection Services Manager Robert Sigrist and Lori Schulpus Inspection Services.

Excused: Brian Loohaus

Motion by Jim Klappa to approve the minutes from the Board of Appeals meeting from February 7, 2008, seconded by Dennis Bohlen 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 Larry Harris, Case No.2558. Mr. McGrath read the petition. It was noted that 9 addresses were notified by mail and that publication had been made on two occasions. Mr. David Pekel of Pekel Construction, 2132 N 70 Street came forward to speak in favor of the petition. Mr. Pekel explained that the main reason for getting a variance is that the accessory buildings are in need of repair and they would like to restore them to the architectural character of the early 1900's. Mr. Harris of 5815 Calhoun Rd came forward to speak and said the buildings would only be used for storage and for vehicles. There were 5 signatures in favor of the variance.

There was no one further to speak in favor of the petition, and there was no one to speak in opposition to the petition. The evidence in Case No. 2558 was declared closed.

The petition considered by the Board was that of Larry Harris, Case No. 2558. Mr. Klappa made a motion to approve the request subject to the condition that applies to these buildings and if these buildings should be torn down or removed the variance would no longer apply and Mr. Goetter seconded the motion.

The motion to approve the variance passed 5 to 0.

The second petition called was that of Kenneth Price, Case No.2559. Mr. McGrath read the petition. It was noted that 30 addresses were notified by mail and that publication had been made on two occasions. Mr. & Mrs. Price came forward to speak in favor of the petition. Mr. Price explained the main reason for getting a variance is that they can only park one vehicle in the garage due to the fireplace bump out. The applicant also has a medical problem that he needs to be able to open his door all the way to get in and out of his vehicle. It was also noted that the neighbors signed a letter in favor of the variance.

There was no one further to speak in favor of the petition, and there was no one to speak in opposition to the petition. The evidence in Case No. 2559 was declared closed.

The petition considered by the Board was that of Kenneth Price, Case No. 2559. Mr. Bohlen made a motion to Approve the request and Mr. Goetter seconded the motion.

The motion to approve the variance passed 4 to 1.

The third petition called was that of Fariborz & Margie Davoodi, Case No.2560. Mr. McGrath read the petition. It was noted that 24 addresses were notified by mail and that publication had been made on two occasions. Mr. Davoodi came forward to speak in favor of the petition. Mr. Davoodi explained the main reason for getting a variance is that they would like to have a covered porch for weather protection. They would also like to sit out in the front yard and have a covered porch.

There was no one further to speak in favor of the petition, and there was no one to speak in opposition to the petition. The evidence in Case No. 2560 was declared closed.

The petition considered by the Board was that of Fariborz & Margie Davoodi, Case No. 2560. Mr. Bohlen made a motion to Approve the request and Mr. Goetter seconded the motion.

The motion to approve the variance failed 3 to 2.

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

Respectfully Submitted

Lori Schulpus, Inspection
Clerk/Typist