

BOARD OF APPEALS

August 2, 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, Goetter, Klappa, Galke, Bohen, and Valerius . Also present was Inspection Services Manager Robert Sigrist and Lori Schulpius Inspection Services.

Motion by Jim Klappa to approve the minutes from the Board of Appeals meeting from July 12, 2007, seconded by John Goetter 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 Dale & Cindy Bauer, Case No.2543. Mr. McGrath read the petition. It was noted that 25 addresses were notified by mail and that publication had been made on two occasions. Mr. & Mrs. Bauer owners of 4284 S Victoria Ct came forward to speak in favor of the petition. Mrs. Bauer explained the main reason for getting a variance to construct a sunroom is that they need more space. They have an odd shaped lot and no other place to put the sunroom.

There was one person to speak in favor of the petition.

Steve Beres of 17919 W Lincoln Ave of Beres Builders spoke in favor of the variance stating that there were no other options available.

There were three people to speak in opposition to the petition.

Dick Kinney of 4280 S Victoria Cir came forward to speak in opposition. Mr. Kinney feels we are setting a precedence if we grant the variance. Dave Sanchez of 4270 S Victoria Circle came forward to speak in opposition. Mr. Sanchez says the lot sizes are already small and will reduce the property values. He does not want to go out in the backyard and look at a structure. The last person to speak was Kari Dunham of 12645 W Weatherstone Blvd. Mrs. Dunham is opposed to the variance due to in the fall and winter they will be able to see the addition. The Bauer's house sits higher than theirs and they feel it will invade their privacy. She also stated that they have small lot sizes and she is concerned about water drainage. The board also received 2 other letters in opposition of the variance.

Case No. 2543 was declared closed.

The petition considered by the Board was that of Dale & Cindy Bauer, Case No. 2543. Mr. Bohen made a motion to approve the variance and Mr. Galke seconded the motion.

The petition to approve the variance was approved 4 to 1.

The second petition called was that of Craig and Kelly Plazak, Case No.2544. Mr. McGrath read the petition. It was noted that 38 addresses were notified by mail and that publication had been made on two occasions. Mr. Chris Aggner of 13198 W National of Four Seasons Sunrooms came forward to speak in favor of the petition. Mr. Aggner explained the main reason for getting a variance for the sunroom addition was that the petitioners would like a place for the kids to study and have some privacy. The lot is very narrow and need additional space. The current deck that is there will be taken down.

There was also Craig & Kelly Plazak owners of 12975 Wimbledon to speak in favor of the petition; they stated that they need the additional space for their family. They love the neighborhood and house. There is good neighbor support.

There was no one to speak in opposition to the petition.

Case No. 2544 was declared closed.

The petition considered by the Board was that of Craig & Kelly Plazak, Case No. 2544. Mr. Loohauis made a motion to approve the request subject to a prohibition on putting a deck or patio any further to the rear of the property than the new extension and Mr. Bohen seconded the motion.

The petition for a variance was approved 5 to 0.

The third petition called was that of Steve & Sharon Arndt, Case No.2545. Mr. McGrath read the petition. It was noted that 22 addresses were notified by mail and that publication had been made on two occasions. Steve & Sharon Arndt, owners of 6270 Linnie Lac Place came forward to speak in favor of the petition. Mr. Arndt explained the main reason for getting a variance for the accessory building is that they have work vehicles and would like to park them inside. They have a large back yard, but they have drainage issues in the back. There was a letter signed by six of the neighbors 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. Case No. 2545 was declared closed.

The petition considered by the Board was that of Steve & Sharon Arndt, Case No. 2545. 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 fourth petition called was that of Biver Development, LLC, Case No.2546. Mr. McGrath read the petition. It was noted that 46 addresses were notified by mail and that publication had been made on two occasions. Dean Frederick representing the Thompson Corp of 12760 North Ave came forward to speak in favor of the petition. Mr. Fredrick explained the main reason for getting a variance for the buildings is that the water stream has moved so they no longer meet the high water mark. They will be stabilizing the stream and did get approval from the DNR.

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. 2546 was declared closed.

The petition considered by the Board was that of Biver Development LLC, Case No. 2546. Mr. Goetter made a motion to approve the variance and Mr. Loohaus 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 9:08 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Lori Schulpus, Inspection
Clerk/Typist