

BOARD OF APPEALS

September 6, 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, Acting Chairman John Goetter, Loohauis, Klappa, Bohen, and Valerius . Also present was Inspection Services Manager Robert Sigrist and Lori Schulpus Inspection Services.

Excused: Brian McGrath Chairman and Milt Galke

Motion by Jim Klappa to approve the minutes from the Board of Appeals meeting from August 2, 2007, seconded by Brian Loohauis and carried unanimously.

Acting Chairman Goetter 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. Goetter also noted that it takes 4 affirmative votes to approve any variance request.

The first petition called was that of Steven Lee, Case No.2547. Mr. Goetter read the petition. It was noted that 18 addresses were notified by mail and that publication had been made on two occasions. The owner was not present at this time he was on his way back from Illinois. Mr. Bohen made a motion to table until after the third case, Mr. Loohauis seconded and motion carried 5 – 0.

The second petition called was that of Westbrook Wesleyan Church, Case No.2548. Mr. Goetter read the petition. It was noted that 6 addresses were notified by mail and that publication had been made on two occasions. Pastor Scott Smith of 21300 Greenfield Ave came forward to speak in favor of the petition. Pastor Smith explained the main reason for getting a variance for the canopy overhang is that the elderly and the disabled will be using this entrance. Since Greenfield Ave was widened they had to redo the parking area.

There were 2 people to speak in favor of the petition.

Frank Luthi (Chairman of the Board of Trustees) for Westbrook Church also explained that is more of a safety issue for the elderly and the handicap.

The second person to speak, Steve Spencer of 1531 Pleasant Hill Dr., feels it would look nicer with the canopy enclosed and is in favor of the variance.

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

Case No. 2548 was declared closed.

**The petition considered by the Board was that of Westbrook Wesleyan Church, Case No. 2548. Mr. Bohen made a motion to approve the request and Mr. Klappa seconded the motion.**

**The petition for a variance was approved 5 to 0.**

The third petition called was that of Ken Pousha, Case No.2549. Mr. Goetter read the petition. It was noted that 22 addresses were notified by mail and that publication had been made on two occasions. Ken Pousha, owner of 3642 S 159 Street came forward to speak in favor of the petition. Mr. Pousha explained the main reason for getting a variance for the garage addition and the porch roof is that he is getting married and is going to have more vehicles and needs the extra storage space. The petitioner also has a pool and would like the porch roof so he can use it as a patio and enjoy his pool. The builder was also present Tim Lang from Lang Construction of W152 S8297 Mystic Dr., who explained the reasons for adding the addition and porch roof.

There was no one further to speak in favor of the petition, and there was no one to speak in opposition to the petition. There was one letter from a nearby resident who opposed granting the variance. Case No. 2549 was declared closed.

**The petition considered by the Board was that of Ken Pousha, Case No. 2549. Mr. Goetter made a motion to deny the variance and Mr. Loohauis seconded the motion.**

**The petition for a variance to deny was unanimous 5 to 0.**

The first petition was called after being tabled at the beginning of the meeting. Mr. Steven Lee, Case No.2547. Mr. Lee came forward to speak in favor of the petition. Mr. Lee explained that the main reason for getting a variance was they only have a one car garage and would like to be able to park both their vehicles in the garage. The builder was also present Todd Dejno of 15931 Chipmunk Lane, who stated that the only thing they needed the variance for was for the overhang so that it would match the rest of the existing home.

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. 2547 was declared closed.

**The petition considered by the Board was that of Steven Lee, Case No. 2547. Mr. Klappa made a motion to approve the variance and Mr. Valerius seconded the motion.**

**The petition for a variance was approved 5 to 0.**

At this time Mr. Pousha and Mr. Lang came forward and asked to reconsider the variance request for the addition to the garage without the porch roof. **Mr. Klappa made a motion to reconsider Case No. 2549, and Mr. Bohlen seconded the motion. Motion to reconsider was approved 4 - 1.**

The board than reconsidered a modification to the variance request, limiting the garage addition to 240 sq ft. Mr. Pousha said that it would help clean up the yard, behind the existing garage.

**The petition considered by the Board was that of Mr. Pousha, Case No. 2549. Mr. Klappa made a motion to approve the revised variance of 120 sq ft there by limiting the total addition to the garage to 240 sq ft and Mr. Bohlen seconded the motion.**

**The petition for a variance was approved 4 – 1.**

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