

BOARD OF APPEALS

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

Excused: Anthony Valerius

Motion by Brian Loohauis to approve the minutes from the Board of Appeals meeting from November 1, 2007, seconded by Milt Galke 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 Michael Nowak, Case No.2553. Mr. McGrath read the petition. It was noted that 32 addresses were notified by mail and that publication had been made on two occasions. Mr. Nowak came forward to speak in favor of the petition. Mr. Nowak explained that the main reason for getting a variance is he collects classic cars and would like to put them in the garage for protection. Mr. Nowak also stated that his leach bed is in the rear and would not be able to build the garage in that area. Mr. Nowak has a slab that would support the garage, originally he poured the slab to put the vehicles on and then decided to build a garage.

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

Richard Haine of 5680 Summit Lane came forward to speak in favor of the petition and stated he was ok with the garage being built.

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

Case No. 2553 was declared closed.

**The petition considered by the Board was that of Michael Nowak, Case No. 2553. Mr. Galke made a motion to approve the variance with the condition that the shed be removed and Mr. Loohauis seconded the motion.**

**Mr. Goetter made a motion to table case No. 2553 and Mr. McGrath seconded. The board asked that Mr. Nowak come back with confirmation of the leach bed and that the neighbor to the east either come in or send a letter stating whether they approve or disapprove of the location of the garage being built.**

**The motion to table the variance passed 5 to 0.**

The second petition called was that of Charles Stoikes, Case No.2554. Mr. McGrath read the petition. It was noted that 96 addresses were notified by mail and that publication had been made on two occasions. Mr. Stoikes came forward to speak in favor of the petition. Mr. Stoikes explained the main reason for getting a variance is that the garage he has right now needs to be replaced and it would improve the value of the home. Mr. Stoikes existing garage is legal non-conforming and would need a variance no matter what he did with the garage since the zoning has changed from when the garage was originally built in 1958. Mr. Jerry Kiefer of JD Griffiths Co of 8401 W Calumet also came forward to explain what they were going to do.

There was 1 additional person to speak in favor of the petition.

Peter Limberatos of 1612 S 170 Street he is a neighbor to the South and would be most affected by the variance and is in favor of the variance. Mr. Limberatos stated that he feels the garage would be a big improvement to the neighborhood

Case No. 2554 was declared closed.

**The petition considered by the Board was that of Charles Stoikes, Case No. 2554. Mr. Goetter made a motion to approve the request and Mr. Klappa seconded the motion.**

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

There being no further matters to be discussed in front of the Board of Appeals, the said meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Lori Schulpus, Inspection  
Clerk/Typist