

BOARD OF APPEALS

March 2, 2006

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

On roll call, Acting Chairman Goetter, Galke, Loohauis, and Bohlen. Also present was Inspection Services Manager Robert Sigrist.

Excused: Brian McGrath, Leo Wallner, and James Klappa

Motion by Dennis Bohlen to approve the minutes from the Board of Appeals meeting from January 5, 2006, seconded by Milton Galke 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. Mr. Goetter asked the petitioner's if they would like to continue with the case or carry it over until the next meeting when more members would be present. The petitioner's wished to proceed.

The first petition called was that of Glen Schopf, Case No.2515. Mr. Goetter read the petition. It was noted that 8 addresses were notified by mail and that publication had been made on two occasions. Mr. Schopf, owner of 17390 W National Avenue came forward to speak in favor of the petition. Mr. Schopf explained the main reason for getting a variance for the accessory building without a concrete foundation is the building was already put up and he would either have to take it down, lift it up or roll it to put in the concrete foundation that is required by code. Mr Schopf is using the building for storing Styrofoam blocks and old files. If the variance were to pass it would also need to have a firewall as it is too close to the other building. There was one letter from Mike Schober speaking in favor of the petition.

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. 2515 was declared closed.

The second petition called was that of Thomas Cotey, Case No. 2516. Mr. Goetter read the petition. It was noted that 19 addresses were notified by mail and that publication had been made on two occasions. Mr. Cotey, homeowner of 1435 S Calhoun Rd came forward to speak in favor of the petition. Mr. Cotey explained that the main reason for getting a variance for the addition is that when they changed Calhoun road to curb and gutter, the setbacks were changed from 25-foot setback to a 35-foot setback. His home is currently 2200 sq feet and he is adding an addition of 7500 sq feet. Mr. Cotey is looking at staying in New Berlin and not having to move and would like the addition for his standard of living.

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. 2516 was declared closed.

The Third petition called was that of Daryl Dyhr, Case No. 2517. Mr Goetter read the petition. It was noted that 18 addresses were notified by mail and that publication had been made on two occasions. Mr. Dyhr, homeowner of 5400 S Steven Court came forward to speak in favor of the petition. Mr. Dyhr explained that the main reason for getting a variance for the addition is for health reasons for himself and his wife. They would like to add a pool, a bedroom, and a hot tub. The pool would be good exercise for both of them, as the petitioner's wife can't get around to easily. The petitioner's wife is in a wheelchair and it is hard to get into the bedrooms they have now. There was a letter from the physical therapist stating that the pool would be good exercise.

There were 3 people to speak in favor of the petition, and there was no one to speak in opposition of the petition.

The first person was Dan Kalinski of 5420 S Steven Ct. Mr. Kalinski's property is to the South of the petitioner's property, he feels it will add value to his property. The next person to speak was Barbara Trutwin of 5380 Steven Ct. Ms. Trutwin is located to the North of the Dyhr's property. She said the structure would be blocked by her garage and add value to her home. The last person to speak was Sharon Kalinski of 5420 S Steven Ct. She stated that medically they need the addition for exercise. Case No. 2517 was declared closed.

The Fourth petition called was that of Matthew Johnson, Case No. 2518. Mr. Goetter read the petition. It was noted that 32 addresses were notified by mail and that publication had been made on two occasions. Mr. Johnson, homeowner of 12817 Needham Dr came forward to speak in favor of the petition. Mr. Johnson explained that the main reason for getting a variance is there is no garage on the property and he needs a place to store vehicles and storage items. Mr. Johnson also stated that he would meet the setback requirements. Mr. Johnson has owned this property for 4 months. Mr. Goetter also read a letter from Mr. Errath of 12809 W Needham in favor of the variance.

There were 2 people to speak in favor of the petition, and there was no one to speak in opposition of the petition.

The first person was Shirley Johnson of 12713 Greenfield Ave. She feels they should have a garage to store toys and such instead of being an eyesore with toys laying all over. The last person to speak was Nancy Hamburger of 12713 Greenfield Ave she also feels it would not be an eyesore with toys all over. Case No. 2518 was declared closed.

The Fifth petition called was that of Michael Talaska, Case No. 2519. Mr. Goetter read the petition. It was noted that 19 addresses were notified by mail and that publication had been made on two occasions. Mr. Talaska, homeowner of 6230 S Martin Rd came forward to speak in favor of the petition. Mr. Talaska explained that the main reason for getting a variance is he needs the additional space to park his vehicles inside. He feels it would enhance his property. He would like to be able to park his vehicle and a trailer in his garage without unhitching the vehicles. Mr. Talaska brought forward a letter approving the addition that 18 neighbors have signed.

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

Mr. Charles Nelson of 6190 S Martin Road spoke in favor of the addition to the garage. Case No. 2519 was declared closed.

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

The first petition considered by the Board was that of Glen Schopf, Case No. 2515. Mr. Bohlen made a motion to approve the petition and, Mr. Goetter seconded the motion.

The petition for a variance was denied 2 to 2.

The second petition considered by the Board was that of Thomas Cotey, Case No.2516. Mr. Bohlen made a motion to approve the petition and Mr. Galke seconded the motion.

The petition for a variance was unanimously approved 4 to 0.

The third petition considered by the Board was that of Daryl Dyhr, Case No.2517. Mr. Galke made a motion to table the petition until the April 6th meeting and Mr. Goetter seconded the motion. The members asked that the petitioner bring in a more detailed plan of the addition.

The petition for a variance was tabled until the April 6th meeting, motion was approved 4 to 0 to table.

The forth petition considered by the Board was that of Matthew Johnson, Case No. 2518. Mr. Galke made a motion to approve the petition and, Mr. Bohlen seconded the motion.

The petition for a variance was approved 4 to 0.

The fifth petition considered by the Board was that of Michael Talaska, Case No.2519. Mr. Galke made a motion to approve the petition and Mr. Bohlen seconded the motion.

The petition for a variance was unanimously approved 4 to 0.

There being no further matters to be discussed in front of the Board of Appeals, the said meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Lori Schulpus, Inspection
Clerk/Typist