

BOARD OF APPEALS

June 2, 2005

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

On roll call, Chairman McGrath, Goetter, Galke, Bohlen, and Jim Klappa. Also present was Inspection Services Manager Robert Sigrist.

Excused: Leo Wallner & Brian Loohaus

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 Darren Spangrud, Case No.2498. Mr. McGrath read the petition. It was noted that 22 addresses were notified by mail and that publication had been made on two occasions. Mr. Spangrud, homeowner of 2944 S. 130th Street came forward to speak in favor of the petition. Mr. Spangrud explained he would like to receive a variance due to there is no other place on the lot to build a new structure due to the high water mark. He would tear down existing building and put up a new log type home that will be 1900 sq. feet and a garage with a porch all the way along the front. Upon the process the well will be abandoned and Mr. Spangrud will hook up to sewer and water. The existing house has been vacant for the last 1 to 1 ½ years and is approximately 800 sq. feet. The land has been in the family for years and so it has sentimental value.

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. 2498 was declared closed.

The second petition called was that of Richard Demski, Case No.2499. Mr. McGrath read the petition. It was noted that 8 addresses were notified by mail and that publication had been made on two occasions. Mr. Harvey, homeowner of 15515 W. Glendale Drive came forward to speak in favor of the petition. Mr. Harvey explained the main reason for getting a variance for the detached garage is to store vehicles and have a work area. Cannot move detached garage anywhere else on the lot because he would have to cut down a Mulberry tree. Mr. Harvey stated there would be no driveway to the detached garage. There is an existing shed on the property and that would be moved elsewhere and it would be within the boundaries.

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. 2499 was declared closed.

The third petition called was that of Robert & Karen Savignac, Case No.2500. Mr. McGrath read the petition. It was noted that 29 addresses were notified by mail and that publication had been made on two occasions. Mr. Savignac, homeowner of 14975 W. Woodland Court came forward to speak in favor of the petition. Mr. Savignac explained the reason he would like to get a variance for the attached garage is because they need more storage. Currently there is a three-car garage and wants to put up a fourth due to they have four cars in the family. The new attached garage would have storage trusses with stairs leading up. The existing house was built in 1989 and they have lived there for four years. If the variance gets approved, the driveway would have to be increased. The existing wall that would separate the existing and the new garage would stay.

There was no one further to speak in favor of the petition.

Phil & Dina Trochelman came forward to speak in opposition. They live at 2215 S. Parkside Drive that is directly behind the applicants home. Their concerns were that the new attached garage would be directly behind their patio, water drainage and tree loss. The value of resale would also suffer if the structure was approved.

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

Mr. McGrath 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 Darren Spangrud, Case No.2498. Mr. Goetter made a motion to approve the petition and, Mr. Bohlen seconded the motion.

Mr. Goetter withdrew his motion and Mr. Bohlen withdrew his motion.

Mr. Goetter made another motion to approve the petition with the request that the front-yard setback be 25-feet and 20.7 feet from ordinary high water mark.

The petition for a variance was unanimously passed 5 to 0.

The second petition considered by the Board was that of Mark Harvey, Case No.2499. Mr. Goetter made a motion to deny the petition and Mr. McGrath seconded the motion.

The petition for a variance was unanimously denied 5 to 0.

The third petition considered by the Board was that of Robert and Karen Savignac, Case No.2500. Mr. Goetter made a motion to deny the petition and Mr. McGrath seconded the motion.

Upon voting, motion failed 2-3.

Motion by Mr. Bohlen to approve the petition and Mr. Galke seconded the motion.

The petition for a variance was denied 3 to 2.

There being no further matters to be discussed in front of the Board of Appeals, the said meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

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Brian McGrath, Chairman