

BOARD OF APPEALS

July 7, 2005

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

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

Excused: John Goetter

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 Bradley Fluyeras, Case No.2501. 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. Fluyeras, homeowner of 13505 W Park Ave came forward to speak in favor of the petition. Mr. Fluyeras explained he would like to receive a variance due to collecting cars; he has three vehicles now and will be getting another one and would like to store them in the garage. He passed out photos and a brochure for a double deck car stand for the board to see. He has lived in his home for 23 years. He had 10 generic letters that that the neighbors signed in favor for the addition.

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. 2501 was declared closed.

The second petition called was that of Gerald Schmitz, Case No.2502. 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. Schmitz, homeowner of 15180 W Mark Drive came forward to speak in favor of the petition. Mr. Schmitz explained the main reason for getting a variance for the detached garage is to store his boat. He wanted to protect the boat from anything that would damage it. The garage would make the yard look better than having it on the driveway. The neighbor would have more privacy with the garage put in that area. Mr. Schmitz stated that the boating equipment is getting expensive and this would be more security for the boat if it was inside. Tim Lange spoke in favor of the petition (he is the builder). Three letters were presented 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. 2502 was declared closed.

The third petition called was that of Chad Harsch, Case No.2503. Mr. McGrath read the petition. It was noted that 20 addresses were notified by mail and that publication had been made on two occasions. Mr. Harsch, homeowner of 5090 S Sunny Slope Rd came forward to speak in favor of the petition. Mr. Harsch explained the reason he would like to get a variance for the 1000 square foot garage is because they need more storage, more room for a car and a workshop. They could not add on to the existing garage because the grade slope is too steep. His property is at 1.73 acres and is only allowed an 840 square foot accessory building. Lisa Harsch spoke in favor of the petition. There was also seven letters from neighbors in favor of the petition.

There was no one further to speak in favor of the petition, and here was no one 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 Bradley Fluyeras, Case No.2501. Mr. Loohuis made a motion to approve the petition and, Mr. Bohlen seconded the motion.

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

The second petition considered by the Board was that of Gerald Schmitz, Case No.2502. Mr. Loohuis made a motion to approve the petition subject to the garage being moved one foot closer to the house and the overhang be reduced to one foot and Mr. Galke seconded the motion.

The petition for a variance was approved 4 – 1.

The third petition considered by the Board was that of Chad Harsch, Case No.2503. Mr. Galke made a motion to approve the petition and Mr. Klappa seconded the motion.

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

There being no further matters to be discussed in front of the Board of Appeals, the said meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

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Brian McGrath, Chairman