

Minutes

BOARD OF APPEALS

June 5, 2003

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

On roll call, Chairman McGrath, Messrs. Galke, Goetter, Loohaus, Klappa, Rath and Wallner. Also present was Inspection Services Manager Robert Sigrist.

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 William Schuyler, Case No. 2456. Mr. McGrath read the petition. It was noted that twenty-six people were notified by mail and that publication had been made on two occasions. William Schuyler of 1600 S Calhoun Road came forward to speak in favor of the petition. Mr. Schuyler stated that he would like to replace the existing garage because the cinder block foundation is rotting out and the garage is falling apart. The cost to build a new garage within the setbacks would be prohibitive as the old driveway would have to be removed and be replaced with a new 60 foot drive, the pool would have to be moved and re-landscaped. The existing garage is about 14'7 x 23'. The new garage would be about 7 feet wider and 3 feet longer. Mr. Schuyler stated that the reason for the additional 3 feet in length is for storage space for the lawn tractor and pool equipment. The location applied for is aesthetically more appealing as it lines up with the neighbor's garage.

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. 2456 was declared closed and the Board proceeded to the next petition.

The next petition called was that of Dale & Chris Sikowski, Case No. 2457. Mr. McGrath read the petition. It was noted that nineteen people were notified by mail and that publication has been made on two occasions. Mr. Dale Sikowski of 14128 W Dakota Street came forward to speak in favor of the petition. Mr. Sikowski stated that they would like to build an addition in place of the current upper deck area, which would be the same dimensions as the current deck, which is 12 foot by 18 foot. The addition would be used as an eating/sitting area, which would allow them to eventually expand the kitchen prep area, which is currently about 8 feet x 8 feet, into the current eating area. If they stayed within code the size of the addition would have to be approximately 8 feet x 18 feet. Without this variance, the Sikowski's feel that the size of the room would not fulfill the intended purpose.

Mr. McGrath then read a letter of approval signed by 4 neighbors into the record.

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. 2457 was declared closed.

At this point 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 Mr. William Schuyler, Case No. 2456. Mr. Goetter made a motion to grant the petition, and, Mr. Loohaus seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of granting the petition.

The next petition considered by the Board was that of Mr. & Mrs. Dale Sikowski, Case No. 2457. Mr. Goetter made a motion to grant the petition, and, Mr. Galke seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of granting the petition.

There being no further matters to be discussed in front of the Board of Appeals, the said meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM.

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Brian McGrath, Chairman