MEETING MINUTES
POPE COUNTY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
Thursday, August 27, 2020

The Board of Adjustment convened in regular session on Thursday, August 27, 2020 at the Pope County Courthouse. In an effort to comply with MDH recommendations issued with the declared Peacetime Emergency in response to the spread of COVID-19 (coronavirus) in MN, the Board members convened in the Commissioners Board room while staff (Dir. Green), the applicants and any members of the public convened in the Community room.

Members Present: Roger Isdahl, Ivie Cooley, John Messenger, and Mark Halls

Other Officials Present: David Green (Land & Resource Management Director), Shelley Cameron (Sr. Administrative Associate), Larry Lindor (County Commissioner), and Cody Rogahn (County Commissioner)

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Messenger at precisely 6:00 p.m.

Additions and Corrections to the Agenda

There was no additions or corrections to the agenda.

Review minutes of July 23, 2020

The minutes of the Board of Adjustment meeting that was held on July 23, 2020 were submitted for approval. Motion to accept the minutes as written was made by Cooley. Seconded by Isdahl. Motion carried.

Variance-Terrence Piekarski

Chairman Messenger introduces the item. Applicants Pat & Barbi Piekarski are present. Director Green presents staff report and states "having reviewed and considered the application, staff does not object to the issuance of a variance in this case with conditions as stated in staff report." Chairman Messenger asks for any additional comments from the applicant. Applicant Barbi Piekarski states "the reason we are requesting this variance is because Terrence has multiple sclerosis and a vascular disorder which makes him very unsteady and he can fall. As a family we need to be in close proximity to help him and it will be easier for him to get around." Chairman Messenger opens to the public asking "is there anyone speaking in favor of this variance?" None noted. Chairman Messenger asks "is there anyone speaking against this variance?" None noted. Chairman Messenger closes the public hearing. Comments from the site team indicate that they have no objections or concerns. Chairman Messenger asks for a review of Staff Findings. Director Green reviews Staff Proposed Findings. Chairman Messenger seeks a motion. Halls states "based upon the information as presented in the staff report and facts as gathered this evening, I move to approve of the variance request to locate an attached garage at thirty (30) feet from the road right of way limited to the conditions as identified in the staff report." Cooley seconded. Motion carried with no dissenting votes noted.

Variance-Brian & Therese Walker

Chairman Messenger introduces the item. Applicants Brian & Therese Walker are present. Director Green presents staff report with a recommendation to approve the application with conditions.

There is discussion in regarding the structural integrity of the porches supporting posts and the Floodplain associated with this parcel. Chairman Messenger asks for any additional comments from the applicant. Applicant Brian Walker states "we put the porch on in 2013 and it is our intent to move here year-round. The screens currently are weathering and by enclosing it would allow us to use it year-round. We are not going any closer to the water and the floodplain is 80 to 100' away from that structure. The posts will support the added weight of the windows and we will keep the same roof line." Chairman Messenger opens the public hearing asking "is there anyone speaking in opposition of this application?" None noted. Chairman Messenger asks "is there anyone speaking for this application" None noted. Chairman Messenger closes the public hearing. Comments from the site team indicate that they have no objections or concerns. Chairman Messenger seeks a motion. Cooley states "based upon the information as presented in the staff report and facts as gathered this evening, I move to approve of the request to amend the conditions of the 2013 variance which would allow for the property owner to enclose and insulate the porch structure, limited to the conditions as identified in the staff report." Isdahl seconded. Motion carried with no dissenting votes noted. Chairman Messenger seeks a motion to direct staff to develop Findings based on the information considered and action taken. Halls make such motion. Cooley seconded. Motion carried with no dissenting votes noted.

Variance-Curtis & Katherine Myrom

Chairman Messenger introduces the item. Applicant Curtis Myrom is present. Director Green presents staff report and states "staff does not object to the issuance of a variance in this case with conditions stated in staff report." Isdahl asks for staff to review the storm water management plan. Chairman Messenger asks for any additional comments from the applicant. Applicant Curtis Myrom states "I have added gutters that are installed on the garage on the east side and on the left side and this will go to the storm water basin." Chairman Messenger opens the public hearing and asks "is there anyone speaking in opposition of this variance?" None noted. Chairman Messenger asks "is there anyone speaking in favor of this variance?" None noted. Chairman Messenger closes the public hearing. Chairman Messenger asks for comments from the site team. Cooley states "I can absolutely see the necessity for it. It seems like it will be more stable for everyone. It makes a safer environment." Chairman Messenger agrees. Chairman Messenger seeks a motion. Cooley states "based upon the information as presented in the staff report, I move to approve of the variance request to exceed the impervious surface limit of 25% limited to the conditions as identified in the staff report." Isdahl seconded. Motion carried with no dissenting votes noted.

Tabled/Old Business

There was no tabled or old business.

Adjournment 7:12 p.m. Motion by Halls to adjourn the Board of Adjustment meeting. Motion Seconded by Isdahl. Motion carried with no dissenting votes noted.

Respectfully submitted,

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