MEETING MINUTES
POPE COUNTY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
Thursday May 27, 2021

The Board of Adjustment convened in regular session on Thursday, May 27, 2021 at the Pope County Courthouse, Community Meeting Room.

Members Present: Roger Isdahl, Ronald Feigum, Ivie Cooley, John Messenger, and Brian Jergenson

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 Chairwoman Cooley at precisely 6:00 p.m.

Additions and Corrections to the Agenda

There was no additions or corrections to the agenda.

Review minutes of April 22, 2021

The minutes of the Board of Adjustment meeting that was held on April 22, 2021 were submitted for approval. Motion to accept the minutes as written was made by Jergenson. Seconded by Feigum. motion carried.

Variance-James & Monica Wurtzberger

Chairwoman Cooley introduces the item. Applicants James & Monica Wurtzberger are present. Director Green presents staff report and indicates staff does not object to the issuance of a variance with conditions as stated in staff report. Chairwoman Cooley asks for any additional comments from the applicant. Applicant Monica Wurtzberger states "thank you for hearing our request. Our lot is small as is with the majority of our neighbors' lots. It is difficult to get permitted at all without going through a variance. With what we are proposing we would be moving the deck further away from the lake. We feel the design will complement the area. It will not be blocking the neighbor's view of the lake. We like to be outside and sometimes it gets so hot that we have to have shelter from the sun and the elements. This would allow us to continue to enjoy the lake. I do also have a letter from my doctor that indicates that I have had pre-cancer spots." We have five neighbors that expressed no concerns or complaints. Chairwoman Cooley opens to the public asking "is there anyone speaking in favor of this variance?" None noted. Chairwoman Cooley asks "is there anyone speaking against this variance?" None noted. Chairwoman Cooley closes the public hearing. Comments from the site team indicate that they have no objections or concerns. Chairwoman Cooley seeks a motion. Jergenson 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 construct a covered deck that extends 8 foot lakeward from the mobile home's current location, limited to the conditions as identified in the staff report. Messenger seconded. Motion carried with no dissenting votes noted.

Variance-Harriet Tholen & Susan Sammons

Chairwoman Cooley introduces the item. Applicant Susan Sammons is present. Director Green presents staff report and indicates staff does not object to the issuance of a variance with conditions as stated in staff report. Chairwoman Cooley asks for any additional comments from the applicant. Applicant Susan Sammons states "thank you for your consideration. My parents built the house in the 1970's. Due to safety reasons, the retaining wall needs to be repaired. My family has had melanoma concerns from sun exposure and therefore would like to enclose the deck area. We are asking for a variance that would basically mirror the neighbor and the next four homes down. We are proposing making the sunroom flush and more assessable for my aging mother. We are not looking to change the impervious. My mother also owns the second-tier parcel and we have already pulled this up and put it back to seed with lawn/grass. We are in favor of making the lot more permeable. We have discussed different options with Land Use Specialist Ralph Hanson. We also have spoken with neighbors on both sides and they are in favor and had no concerns. Our proposal is to shorten up the deck on the other side. It will be 10' away from the property line and it will only come out about 8'." Chairwoman Cooley opens to the public asking "is there anyone speaking in favor of this variance?" None noted. Chairwoman Cooley asks "is there anyone speaking against this variance?" None noted. Chairwoman Cooley closes the public hearing. Comments from the site team indicate that they have no objections or concerns. Messenger (site team) states "the present deck is unsafe and I believe it will improve the look and if properly constructed should improve the appearance." Chairwoman Cooley seeks a motion. Messenger 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 construct a three-season porch area with a covered deck and patio above, limited to an expansion of 12' lakeward from the home's current location and the conditions as identified in the staff report with an added condition that no further encroachment with a deck." Feigum seconded. Motion carried with no dissenting votes noted.

Variance-Chris Johnson & Kelly Kraemer

Chairwoman Cooley introduces the item. Applicants Chris Johnson, Kelly Kraemer and contractor Brendon Stryhn are present. Director Green presents staff report and indicates staff does not object to the issuance of a variance in this case that would allow for the impervious surface threshold of 25% to be exceeded with conditions stated in the staff report. Chairwoman Cooley asks for any additional comments from the applicant. Applicant Chris Johnson states "It is a straight forward plan. We are going to mitigate the storm water runoff with a stormwater filtration plan. It meets the standards and a lot of back lots have these kinds of sheds. I believe it will fit in nicely." Brendon Stryhn (contractor)states "the filtration plan is very effective and I am familiar with this type of mitigation and it works well. I plan to add gutters to the house and this will help as well. We plan to remove a portion of the existing deck. We are taking steps to mitigate the impact. We are mitigating it as if it was 25%. Now I am going to put on my neighbor hat and add that I think it will look better without everything in the open and it deters theft." Chairwoman Cooley opens to the public asking "is there anyone speaking in favor of this variance?" None noted. Chairwoman Cooley asks "is there anyone speaking against this variance?" None noted. Chairwoman Cooley closes the public hearing. Chairwoman Cooley asks

for comments from the site team. Messenger (site team) states "I am in favor with bringing the impervious surface to more of a favorable amount and I like the 3 retention ponds proposed." Chairwoman Cooley seeks a motion. Isdahl 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 exceed the impervious surface standard of 25%, limited to a maximum coverage of 38.3% and to the conditions as identified in the staff report." Jergenson seconded. Motion carried with no dissenting votes noted.

Tabled/Old Business

There was no additions or corrections to the agenda.

Adjournment 7:03 p.m. Motion by Messenger to adjourn the Board of Adjustment meeting. Motion Seconded by Jergenson. Motion carried with no dissenting votes noted.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelley Cameron

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