MEETING MINUTES
POPE COUNTY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
Thursday, October 24, 2019

The Board of Adjustment convened in regular session on Thursday, October 24, 2019 at the Pope County Courthouse, Community Room.

Members Present: Ronald Feigum, Ivie Cooley, John Messenger, Brian Jergenson, 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 Feigum at precisely 6:00 p.m.

Additions and Corrections to the Agenda

There was no additions or corrections to the agenda. Motion to accept the agenda as written was made by Jergenson. Seconded by Messenger. Motion carried

Review minutes of September 26, 2019

The minutes of the Board of Adjustment meeting that was held on September 26, 2019 were submitted for approval. Motion to accept the minutes as written was made by Cooley. Seconded by Messenger. Motion carried.

Variance-Jenny Barthel

Chairman Feigum introduces the item. Applicant Jenny Barthel is present. Director Green presents staff report and states "having reviewed and considered the application, local ordinances, state statutes, and all comments received, staff does not support the variance." Chairman Feigum asks "does the applicant have any additional comments?" Applicant Jenny Barthel states "the metal shed will be removed and I do have a wood walk way behind the shed that I can easily move. It is a smaller lot. I have been coming up here all my life. I have asked to have the two sheds to house fishing equipment, lawn mower, and kayaks and such. With the construction it looks more cluttered. I recently lost my husband and I'm still trying to clean things up. I thought we were compliant." Chairman Feigum asks for comments from the site team. Cooley states "I thought the property was pretty cluttered. I would like to see the aluminum shed be removed." Chairman Feigum opens to the public asking "is there anyone speaking for this variance?" Diane & Morley Frantzick are speaking in favor." Chairman Feigum asks "is there anyone speaking against this variance?" None noted. Chairman Feigum closes the public hearing. There is discussion about the blue shed on the property and if it is possible to move this shed to be more compliant. Chairman Feigum asks the applicant "would you consider moving the shed?" Applicant Jenny Barthel states "where it is located today there is a maple tree and a lilac bush and from the road side it looks like a part of the cabin. I would consider moving if I had to." Chairman Feigum seeks a motion. Cooley states "I move to approve of the variance request to locate an accessory structure no closer than 10 feet from the road right of way." Messenger seconded. Feigum, Cooley Messenger, and Jergenson vote in favor. Halls abstained. Motion carried.

Variance-Robert & Helen Claussen

Chairman Feigum introduces the item. Applicant Robert Claussen is present. Director Green presents staff report and states "staff does not object to the issuance of a variance in this case. If the BOA does grant a variance staff has conditions stated in staff report." There is discussion about the storm water management plan. Chairman Feigum asks "does the applicant have any additional comments?" Applicant Robert Claussen states "the cabins footings have moved and they were reinforced sometime in the past. I have no confidence as to what is there. We are trying to simulate 25% (*impervious*) coverage." Chairman Feigum opens the public hearing asking "is there anyone speaking for this variance?" Bob Johnson states "I am the neighbor to the right and your (*Pope County GIS*) aerial view is totally off. Robert (Claussen) is going to take care of the water towards me so I am all for it." Chairman Feigum asks "is there anyone speaking against this variance?" None noted. Chairman Feigum closes the public hearing. Comments from the site team indicate that they have no objections or concerns. Chairman Feigum seeks a motion. Cooley states "based upon the Findings of Fact as presented in the staff report and gathered this evening, I move to approve of the variance request adding the condition that gutters are to be installed on the north side of the residential structure along with the conditions identified in the staff report." Messenger seconded. Feigum, Cooley, Messenger, and Jergenson vote in favor. Halls opposed. Motion carried.

Variance-Robert & Helen Claussen

Chairman Feigum introduces the item. Applicant Robert Claussen 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." Chairman Feigum asks "does the applicant have any additional comments?" Applicant has no additional comments. Chairman Feigum opens the public hearing asking "is there anyone here tonight speaking in favor of this variance?" Bob Johnson states "I have no problem with it and I am the nearest neighbor." Chairman Feigum asks "is there anyone speaking against this variance?" None noted. Chairman Feigum closes the public hearing. Chairman Feigum seeks a motion. Jergenson states "based upon the Findings of Fact as presented in the staff report and gathered this evening, I move to approve of the variance request to locate residential structure and garage at approximately 38 feet from the right of way and 8 feet from the side lot line." Cooley seconded. Motion carried with no dissenting votes noted.

Additional Action Taken

Cooley makes a motion to direct staff to prepare findings consistent with the approval of the Barthel variance to be presented for approval at our next meeting. Messenger seconded. Motion carried with no dissenting votes noted.

Tabled/Old Business

There was no tabled or old business.

Adjournment 7:02 p.m. Motion by Cooley to adjourn the Board of Adjustment meeting. Motion seconded by Jergenson. Motion carried with no dissenting votes noted. Halls arrived at 6:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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