

CITY OF DECORAH
BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
Minutes of November 25, 2019

Sue Sander called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. and the following answered roll:
John Jenkins, Kraig Tweed, Carol Hagen, and Janelle Pavlovec.

Also, in attendance: Zoning Administrator Chad Bird.

Approval of Minutes of the November 6, 2019 meeting

Hagen moved and Tweed seconded a motion to approve the minutes of November 6, 2019.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Hagen, Tweed, Jenkins, Pavlovec, and Sander. Motion was approved.

Continued from November 6, 2019

Vaughan Pultz for 706 W. Broadway Street requesting permission to replace a detached garage with a new attached garage contrary to the R-2 zoning district regulations

Bird recapped this application as it was continued from November 6, 2019 to allow more time for the applicant to negotiate a possible purchase of land from the adjoining neighbor to the West.

Bird reviewed the application and stated it is for front, side, and rear-yard variances depending on the final possible land acquisition from the adjoining property owners.

Elise Harless, speaking for the applicant noted the buyer is negotiating with the adjoining property owners to acquire five feet of property on the West side of this parcel. She noted if that happens the front-yard setback would be 7.5 feet and the side and rear-yard setbacks would be 1 foot each. Bird asked the Board to consider the application and requested variances as contingent on the acquisition of the additional land to the West.

Sander asked if there were any public comments and Steve and Alice Runde, 301 Upper Broadway, spoke regarding the application. Mr. Runde noted they are excited to work with the potential buyers and support the proposed land acquisition as long as it was the "bump" or area with a jog and not the entire strip adjacent to the parcel.

There were no other public comments.

Jenkins moved and Hagen seconded a motion to approve the three variances as discussed contingent on the buyer or property owner acquiring a five-foot parcel of land around the proposed construction.

Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.

Bird noted he would need a plat of survey submitted before he would issue the compliance certificate for this project.

Other Business:

The board set Wednesday, January 8, 2019 at 5:15pm as the next meeting date due to the January 1, 2020 holiday.

Sander asked if the new deadlines provided by the Decorah Newspapers would impact the Board and their publication schedules. Bird stated the Board is required to publish notice at least seven days before the hearing and that he would review the publication requirements with staff.

Bird shared the Board's terms and noted Pavlovec's term is coming due on December 7, 2019.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:26pm.

Respectfully submitted,

