

CITY OF DECORAH
BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
Minutes of August 5, 2020

This meeting was an electronic meeting pursuant to Iowa Code section 21.8 – In circumstances where such a meeting is impossible or impractical due to concerns about COVID-19 and social distancing for the safety of commission members and the public.

In support of Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds' proclamation declaring a State of Public Health Disaster Emergency in Iowa, the current COVID-19 situation makes it "impossible and impractical" to meet in one location. The Decorah City Hall was open. However, seating was limited to ensure proper social distancing. Seating was available on a first-come, first served basis for the August 5, 2020 Board of Adjustment meeting. However, the meeting was available telephonically. The public was able to hear and participate in the Board meeting.

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

Also, in attendance: City Clerk Wanda Hemesath.

Approval of Minutes of the July 1, 2020 meeting

Hagen moved and Tweed seconded a motion to approve the minutes of July 1, 2020.
Roll call vote: Ayes: Tweed, Pavlovec, Hagen, and Sander.
Abstain: John Jenkins
Motion was approved.

James Beeghly for 900 Walnut Street requesting permission to replace a storage shed contrary to the R-2 Zoning District regulations (*code 17.16.135*)

Mr. Beeghly reviewed the project. He stated he had a better idea of where is property line is. Accessory structures are required to be 5' from the property line. He believes the structure will be more than 5' and the variance may not be necessary. As location of the property line is not know for certain it was decided to move forward with the variance process.

A letter was submitted from Roger Donnelly in support of the variance

There were no additional public comments.

The Board had no further questions or comments.

Tweed moved and Jenkins seconded a motion to approve a variance to allow placement closer to the lot line than the required 5'.
Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.

Other Business:

Sander announced Wednesday, September 2, 2020 at 5:15pm as the next meeting and confirmed member in-person attendance.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,

