

**CITY OF DECORAH  
BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT  
Minutes of May 4, 2022**

Sue Sander called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

Members Present: Sander, Onsager, Pavlovec, Tweed, Bellrichard

Absent:

Others Present: Travis Goedken, David Smutzler, Stephanie Fromm, Lois Humpal, Greg Swanson, Jim Berg, Ryan Gronna, Dave & Piper Hobbs, Jason & Chaelee Madison, Corey & Amanda Sabin and Leslie White

Approval of Minutes of the April 6, 2022 meeting

***Motion by Pavlovec seconded by Onsager to approve the April 6, 2022 meeting minutes.***

***Roll call vote: Ayes: Sander, Onsager, Pavlovec, Tweed, Bellrichard***

***Motion approved.***

Dave and Piper Hobbs of 202 St. Lawrence Street are requesting a variance to construct a 24x24 foot garage in the rear of the property. The request is contrary to 17.16.030- 5' setback requirement from alley ROW.

Dave and Piper currently have a one stall garage. They have two vehicles and would like to add on a two stall garage. They would like to move the garage back to have some more room when turning off the alley.

***Motion by Onsager and second by Tweed to approve a variance reducing the required 5 foot setback per 17.16.030 to a 3 foot setback.***

***Roll call vote:***

***Ayes: Unanimous***

***Motion Approved.***

Living the Dream Properties LLC (Laura Gronna) of 713 Rural Ave is requesting a variance to construct a 16x8 foot deck at the front of the residence. The request is contrary to R-2 bulk regulations 17.72.040- 35' front yard setback.

Jim Berg and Ryan Gronna stated that they would like to dress the house up by adding this deck onto the house. It would consist of a covered porch with steps off to the side.

***Motion by Sander and second by Bellrichard to approve a variance reducing the required 35 foot setback per 17.72.040 to a 24 foot setback.***

***Roll call vote:***

***Ayes: Unanimous***

***Motion Approved.***

Jason and Chaelee Madison of 403 W Broadway Street are requesting 3 variances to construct a 28-24 foot garage to replace the existing carport. The request is contrary to R-2 bulk regulations 17.72.040 – max height 14’ and 17.16.030 – 5’ setback requirements.

Jason and Chaelee stated that they would like to replace the carport by building a garage. They want to use the same dimensions as the carport for the new garage. Chaelee said it was a tight entrance and exit off the alley way. They would like to add an area above the garage for storage. They said their neighbors are fine with the height. Bellrichard said that there are similar garages in the neighborhood that have same set up.

***Motion by Tweed and second by Bellrichard to approve a variance increasing the required 14 foot height maximum per 17.72.040 to a 20 foot height allowing 2<sup>nd</sup> floor storage.***

***Motion by Tweed and second by Bellrichard to approve a variance reducing the required 5 foot south setback per 17.16.030 to a 2 foot 6 inch setback.***

***Motion by Tweed and second by Bellrichard to approve a variance reducing the required 5 foot west setback per 17.16.030 to a 2 foot 6 inch setback.***

***Roll call vote:***

***Ayes: Unanimous***

***Motion Approved.***

Corey and Amanda Sabin of 709 South Mill Street are requesting variance to construct a deck extending 5’ from front porch on the East side of the residence along Mill Street.

Corey and Amanda want to enclose the front deck to make it into a mud room. Then they plan to add an open deck off the front with the steps to the side walk.

***Motion by Sander and second by Tweed to approve variance reducing the average 15 foot 6 inch foot setback to a 7 foot 6 inch setback to include steps.***

***Roll Call Vote:***

***Ayes: Unanimous***

***Motion Approved.***

Sun Flower Child Care at proposed location of 902 Commerce Drive is requesting a variance on parking stall size contrary to 17.08.510 off street parking space.

Stephanie Fromm was here to represent Sun Flower. She stated that they wanted to expand the width of the parking spaces by making them 10x18 because it is easier to get little ones in and out of vehicles.

***Motion by Tweed and second by Bellrichard to approve a variance to reduce the required 20 foot parking stall length per 17.08.510 to 18 foot.***

***Roll Call Vote:***

***Ayes: Unanimous***

***Motion Approved.***

Consider setting a date for hearing on Appeal to Board of Adjustment regarding Kwik Star project at 308 College Drive filed by applicants Martin Refsal, Hannah Garry, and Joel Zook.

The board agreed to ratify on Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 5:15pm. Then the board agreed to have the public meeting on Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 5:15pm.

Other business: Next meeting is June 1, 2022 at 5:15pm.

Meeting Adjourn: 5:45pm

Respectfully Submitted.

Greg Swanson

P&Z Administrator