

CITY OF DECORAH
BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
JUNE 1, 2022 AT 5:15PM
MEETING MINUTES

Members present included: Sue Sander, Ron Onsager, Janelle Pavlovec, Kraig Tweed
Absent: Dan Bellrichard

Others present: Dave & Kelli Smutzler, Russel Novak, Jason & Erin Shaw

Call to Order at 5:15pm

Approval of Minutes of the May 4, 2022 meeting.

Motion by Onsager seconded by Tweed for the approval of the minutes from May 4th meeting.

Roll call vote:

Ayes: Onsager, Tweed, Sander, Pavlovec

Nays: None

Motion Passed

Approval of Minutes of the May 10, 2022 meeting.

Motion by Tweed seconded by Pavlovec for the approval of the minutes from May 10th meeting.

Roll call vote:

Ayes: Tweed, Pavlovec, Onsager, Sander- Abstain

Nays: None

Motion Passed

Approval of Minutes of the May 17, 2022 meeting.

Motion by Sander seconded by Onsager for the approval of the minutes from May 17th meeting.

Roll call vote:

Ayes: Sander, Onsager, Pavlovec, Tweed - Abstain

Nays: None

Motion Passed

Approval of Minutes of the May 19, 2022 meeting.

Motion by Onsager seconded by Sander for the approval of the minutes from May 19th meeting.

Roll call vote:

Ayes: Onsager, Sander, Pavlovec, Tweed – Abstain

Nays: None

Motion Passed

Dave Smutzler of 609 Center Avenue is requesting a variance to construct a 24 x 7 foot covered porch in the front yard of the property. The request is contrary to R-3 bulk regulations 17.76.040 – front yard setback requirement.

Dave and Kelli stated that after they started their other construction project, they noticed their current porch was starting to rot. They would like to construct a new porch. It wouldn't encroach on the length of their house.

Onsager stated that all the neighbors have a front porch.

Motion by Sander and seconded by Pavlovec to approve a variance reducing the required 25 foot setback per 17.76.040 to a 15 foot setback.

Roll call vote:

Ayes: Sander, Pavlovec, Onsager, Tweed

Nays: None

Motion Passed

Ren Properties/Skyline Lanes (Russell Novak) of 400 Heivly Street is requesting a variance to construct a 16 x 54 foot addition on the west side of the existing structure. The request is contrary to C-3 bulk regulations 17.96.040 side yard setback.

Russell Novak stated that he's had many requests to add a Golf Simulator to the bowling alley project. He would like to make this addition on the west side of the building. He has been in touch with Alliant Energy, they will be putting the utility box on the side of the building to reduce all the utility boxes in the neighbor's yard. Russell said that the drainage will not be in effect.

*Onsager states there isn't much difference in the appearance to the neighbors.
Sander stated that it will improve the water flow.*

Motion by Pavlovec and second by Onsager to approve a variance reducing the required 15 foot setback per 17.96.040 to a 9 foot setback.

Roll call vote:

Ayes: Pavlovec, Onsager, Sander, Tweed

Nays: None

Motion Passed

Jason and Erin Shaw of 1000 River Street are requesting 2 variances to construct a 36 x20 foot garage/screen porch in the north side yard. The request is contrary to 17.16.030 A. accessory buildings.

Jason and Erin stated that they would like to build a garage that can house both of their vehicles along with a screened in porch. They stated there are very few place near their home that doesn't have a garage already. The space between the neighbor's garage and Shaw's garage will be between 9-10 feet.

Motion by Tweed and second by Onsager to approve a variance allowing side yard construction contrary to 17.16.030 – rear yard only.

Motion by Tweed and second by Onsager to approve a variance reducing the required 5 foot side setback per 17.16.030 to a 2 foot setback.

Roll call vote:

Ayes: Tweed, Onsager, Sander, Pavlovec

Nays: None

Motion Passed

Other business: Special meeting for Findings of Facts from the May 19, 2022 meeting will be held June 8, 2022 at 3:30pm. Date for the next regular meeting will be held on July 6, 2022 at 5:15pm.

Adjourn: 5:41pm

Meeting Adjourn: 8:02pm