

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
Tuesday, April 9, 2019

The City of Sturgeon Bay Zoning Board of Appeals meeting was called to order at 12:00 pm by Chairperson William Murrock in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 421 Michigan Street.

Roll call: Members Bill Chaudoir, James Goodwin, Wayne Spritka, William Murrock, and Dave Augustson were present. Excused: Member Andrew Starr. Also present were Planner/Zoning Administrator Chris Sullivan-Robinson and Community Development Secretary Cheryl Nault.

Adoption of agenda: Moved by Mr. Spritka, seconded by Mr. Chaudoir to adopt the following agenda:

1. Roll call.
2. Adoption of agenda.
3. Approval of minutes from March 26, 2019.
4. Public hearing: Petition to install a pylon sign no closer than 3 feet to the street right-of-way and 3.1 feet to the building wall (1.1 foot from the building overhang) for Nicolet National Bank, 236 N 4th Avenue.
5. Consideration of: Petition to install a pylon sign no closer than 3 feet to the street right-of-way and 3.1 feet to the building wall (1.1 foot from the building overhang) for Nicolet National Bank, 236 N 4th Avenue
6. Adjourn.

Carried.

Approval of minutes from Tuesday, March 26, 2019: Moved by Mr. Goodwin, seconded by Mr. Spritka to approve the minutes from March 26, 2019. All ayes. Carried.

Public Hearing: Petition to install a pylon sign no closer than 3 feet to the street right-of-way and 3.1 feet to the building wall (1.1 foot from the building overhang) for Nicolet National Bank, 236 N 4th Avenue: Chairperson Murrock opened the public hearing at 12:03 p.m.

Mr. Sullivan-Robinson stated that this is the new location for Nicolet Bank. They will be using their current sign and relocating it to the new site. The sign would be installed between Jefferson Street right-of-way and the new building. The sign code requires a minimum 5-foot setback from the right-of-way and other buildings on the lot. The proposed sign location would be located 3 feet from the right-of-way, 3 feet from the building wall, and 1-foot from the overhang. Mr. Sullivan-Robinson checked with the building inspector to see if there were any issues and there were none since this sign is a structure and not a building. There were no issues with the fire chief.

Mr. Chaudoir wondered if the sign could be installed east of the drive-thru in the

landscaped bed along the alley. Mr. Sullivan-Robinson responded the issue is meeting a 15-foot side-yard setback. There is also a utility pole located there.

Jones Sign Company representative Aaron Sidman, 208 S. Maple Ave., Green Bay, WI, explained their proposal by reusing the sign at Nicolet Bank's current location and installing it approximately 3 feet from right-of-way on the north side of the new building. There really is no other placement for this sign, due to additional setback issues, utilities, and drive-thru. There are two other signs that will be placed on the building.

Mr. Olejniczak stated that the setback from the property line that abuts the alley is 15 feet.

Mr. Augustson stated that this is a new building using an existing sign. Someone didn't plan well and the building could have been made two feet narrower or pushed back on the lot two feet to accommodate the 5-foot setback.

Mr. Chaudoir was concerned that the traffic turning right from 4th Avenue to Jefferson Street might impede the vision of traffic on Jefferson Street. Keeping the sign as far off of Jefferson Street as possible is preferable.

Mr. Sullivan-Robinson said to keep in mind what you will see at street level is the stem of the sign. There is 10 feet of clearance under the sign for visibility purposes.

No one spoke in favor or in opposition of the variance request. There was no written correspondence.

Mr. Sullivan-Robinson added that the City worked with Nicolet in the beginning of construction to help figure out the general building layout and location of the lot.

The public hearing was declared closed at 12:23 p.m.

Consideration of: Petition to install a pylon sign no closer than 3 feet to the street right-of-way and 3.1 feet to the building wall (1.1 foot from the building overhang) for Nicolet National Bank, 236 N 4th Avenue: Board members discussed the variance request.

Mr. Goodwin mentioned that the sign is already located at the old bank and is at about the same location as far as roadway.

Mr. Chaudoir noted that a rendering of the building is shown on the building near where the sign is proposed to be located. The sign is shown in the landscaped area by the alley. His biggest concern is the visibility at the intersection.

After further discussion, it was moved by Mr. Chaudoir, seconded by Mr. Spritka to approve the variance request since there really isn't any other place to put the sign. It will be positioned such that it will not impact it will not impact visibility at that intersection. The sign

is at the right size and falls within the zoning code. The utility lines will not be affected and there will be no impact with safety.

Roll call vote was taken on the motion. All ayes. Carried.

Adjourn: Moved by Mr. Spritka, seconded by Mr. Augustson to adjourn. All ayes. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Nault
Community Development Secretary