

CITY OF STURGEON BAY
Zoning Board of Appeals
October 24, 2023

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

Roll call: Members William Murrock, Nancy Schopf and Bill Chaudoir were present. Members Dave Augustson and Morgan Rusnak were excused. Alternate Ron Vandertie was absent. Staff present were Community Development Director Marty Olejniczak, and Community Development Administrative Assistant Cindy Sommer.

Adoption of agenda: Moved by Ms. Schopf, seconded by Mr. Chaudoir to adopt the following amended agenda:

1. Roll call.
2. Adoption of agenda.
3. Approval of minutes from July 11, 2023.
4. Public Hearing: Variance from Section 27.13(3)(c)2 of the municipal code for Sunset View Apartments located at 709-725-737 N 7th Ave.
5. Consideration of: Variance from Section 27.13(3)(c)2 of the municipal code for Sunset View Apartments located at 709-725-737 N 7th Ave.
6. ~~Public Hearing: Variance from Section 20.27(2) of the municipal code for Greg Frankov located at the west end of E Vine Ct, parcel #281-64-77000508.~~
7. ~~Consideration of: Variance from Section 20.27(2) of the municipal code for Greg Frankov located at the west end of E Vine Ct, parcel #281-64-77000508.~~
8. Adjourn.

All ayes. Carried.

Approval of minutes from July 11, 2023: Moved by Mr. Chaudoir, seconded by Mr. Augustson to approve the minutes of July 11, 2023. All ayes. Motion carried.

Public Hearing: Variance from Section 27.13(3)(c)2 of the municipal code for Sunset View Apartments located at 709-725-737 N 7th Ave: Chairperson Murrock opened the public hearing at 12:04 p.m. Mr. Olejniczak explained that Sunset View Apartments is requesting a variance from the sign code to replace their sign. The existing sign is larger than the sign code allows and is non-conforming. The new sign is smaller but still larger than the code allows for the R-4 zoning district. The city is working on updating the sign code and proposed changes to the code would allow this sign, however a variance is required at this time. The new sign will be in the same location on the southwest corner of the property and it conforms to all other aspects of the code.

Jared Fink, owner and general manager of Sunset View Apartments, requests the variance to allow the removal and replacement of their sign, which will serve some very important purposes: the new sign will update the contact information, adding the address and the website information, as well as have an updated design that is much more attractive. They will replace the existing posts and no landscape changes are proposed around the sign.

There were no letters regarding the variance and no members of the public presented for comment. The public hearing was closed at 12:12 p.m.

Consideration of: Variance from Section 27.13(3)(c)2 of the municipal code for Sunset View Apartments located at 709-725-737 N 7th Ave: Mr. Olejniczak explained that four concurring votes are required to approve a variance so another meeting will be needed before a vote can be taken. The members had no concerns with the sign proposal. Mr. Chaudoir moved to postpone consideration at this time. Motion seconded by Ms. Schopf. All ayes, motion carried. Another meeting will be scheduled as soon as possible.

Mr. Murrock noted that items 6 and 7 were removed from the agenda because the applicant withdrew and is reworking his building plans.

Moved by Mr. Chaudoir, seconded by Ms. Schopf to adjourn. All ayes. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Sommer
Community Development Administrative Assistant