

CITY OF STURGEON BAY
Zoning Board of Appeals
November 1, 2023

The City of Sturgeon Bay Zoning Board of Appeals was called to order at 12:01 p.m. by Chairperson William Murrock in Council Chambers, City Hall, 421 Michigan Street.

Roll call: Members William Murrock, Nancy Schopf, Bill Chaudoir, Dave Augustson and Morgan Rusnak were present. Staff present were Community Development Director Marty Olejniczak, Planner/Zoning Administrator Stephanie Servia and Community Development Administrative Assistant Cindy Sommer.

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

1. Roll call.
2. Adoption of agenda.
3. Approval of minutes from October 24, 2023.
4. 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.
5. Adjourn.

All ayes. Carried.

Approval of minutes from October 24, 2023: Moved by Ms. Schopf, seconded by Ms. Rusnak to approve the minutes of October 24, 2023. All ayes. Motion carried.

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. Murrock indicated the public hearing for this matter was held at the last meeting, however the matter was postponed due to lack of members at the meeting to approve the variance. Ms. Servia gave a brief overview of the sign variance requested by Sunset View Apartments and indicated that the proposed sign is about 21 square feet, which is smaller than the existing sign but still larger than the municipal code allows.

Mr. Olejniczak noted that there was no opposition at the public hearing and the applicant was present to explain the project. He also indicated that this sign would be permitted in most of the other zoning districts and the City is working on updating the sign code. This sign would likely be permissible when the sign code is updated.

Mr. Chaudoir indicated that the members usually require some type of landscaping around the sign, however there are pine trees behind the proposed sign, and he doesn't feel additional landscaping is necessary. Ms. Servia stated that the existing sign has a bed of mulch around it and the new sign would be placed within the same mulch bed.

Ms. Schopf motioned to approve the variance as presented because it is smaller than the existing sign, as well as smaller than most other apartment signs in the City, and the old, larger sign has been there for many years. Mr. Chaudoir seconded motion with the same reasons. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Ms. Schopf, seconded by Ms. Rusnak to adjourn. All ayes. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 12:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Sommer
Community Development Administrative Assistant