

**CITY OF STURGEON BAY**  
**Zoning Board of Appeals**  
**November 28, 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, Bill Chaudoir and Dave Augustson 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. Augustson to adopt the following agenda:

1. Roll call.
2. Adoption of agenda.
3. Approval of minutes from November 1, 2023.
4. Public Hearing: Street yard variance from Section 20.29(2) of the municipal code for Steve Peterson located at 945 Georgia St.
5. Consideration of: Street yard variance from Section 20.29(2) of the municipal code for Steve Peterson located at 945 Georgia St.
6. Adjourn.

All ayes. Carried.

**Approval of minutes from November 1, 2023:** Moved by Mr. Chaudoir, seconded by Mr. Augustson to approve the minutes of November 1, 2023. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Public Hearing: Street yard variance from Section 20.29(2) of the municipal code for Steve Peterson located at 945 Georgia St.** Chairperson Murrock opened the public hearing at 12:03 p.m. Ms. Servia explained that the applicant is requesting a variance to allow him to put a 10' x 12' prefabricated shed in front of his principal building at 945 Georgia Street. Section 20.29(2) of the municipal code states that accessory buildings cannot be closer to the street than the principal building. When the principal building is set back more than 60 feet, the accessory building minimum setback is changed to 60 feet. Mr. Peterson's home is about 63 feet from the street, leaving him with a very small backyard, and the only way to move the prefabricated building to the back would be to cut down several mature trees. He is proposing to place the building 46 feet from the street. The shed would allow for additional storage, thereby allowing the yard to stay neater, which is in the public's interest. The building would be visible from the street and the members may want to consider landscaping to shield the building. There is an existing 10' x 10' shed in the back of the property, which is non-conforming.

Mr. Olejniczak noted that the proposed building is 10' x 12', which is relatively small, and if the building were under 100 square feet, the applicant would not need a building permit, nor would he need a variance.

Applicant Steve Peterson stated that he bought the preassembled shed because he needs more storage and it was a very good price, but he cannot get it into his backyard without cutting several large trees. He also stated that he rechecked the measurements and the building would be placed 43-44 feet from the street, not 46 feet as previously thought. He is planning to keep his other storage building in the back. The new shed is very nice looking. It has one 4-foot door that will face his driveway. The building has a wood floor, and he is not planning to put it on a concrete slab. Mr. Peterson also stated he is willing to paint the building to match the house.

No members of the public were present, and no letters were submitted. The public hearing was closed at 12:14 p.m.

**Consideration of: Street yard variance from Section 20.29(2) of the municipal code for Steve Peterson located at 945 Georgia St.** The members discussed the amount of shrubbery in front of the building, which is limited. Mr. Augustson indicated he would like to see the shed match the home. Mr. Chaudoir questioned whether it was possible to require the other shed to be painted to match as well.

Ms. Schopf motioned to approve the variance with the condition that the shed must be placed no closer than 43 feet from the street and both outbuildings must be painted to match the house. The painting should be completed by June 2024. Motion seconded by Mr. Chaudoir. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Chaudoir, seconded by Mr. Augustson to adjourn. All ayes. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 12:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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