

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
Tuesday, May 14, 2019

The City of Sturgeon Bay Zoning Board of Appeals meeting was called to order at 12:12 p.m. 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. Also present were 1st Alternate Nancy Schopf, 2nd Alternate Morgan Rusnak, Planner/Zoning Administrator Chris Sullivan-Robinson, and Community Development Secretary Cheryl Nault.

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

1. Roll call.
2. Adoption of agenda.
3. Approval of minutes from April 30, 2019.
4. Election of officers.
5. Public Hearing: Petition for a variance from s.20.29(6) of the Municipal Code (Zoning Code) to exceed the total floor area allowable for accessory buildings, for Jacquelyn White, 221 S. Duluth Avenue.
6. Consideration of: Petition for a variance from s.20.29(6) of the Municipal Code (Zoning Code) to exceed the total floor area allowable for accessory buildings, for Jacquelyn White, 221 S. Duluth Avenue.
7. Adjourn.

Carried.

Approval of minutes from Tuesday, April 30, 2019: Moved by Mr. Augustson, seconded by Mr. Spritka to approve the minutes from April 30, 2019. All ayes. Carried.

Election of officers: All existing officers will remain the same. Mr. Murrock as chair, Mr. Chaudoir as vice-chair, and Mr. Goodwin as secretary.

Morgan Rusnak introduced herself as Alternate #2 and Nancy Schopf introduced herself as Alternate #1. They both gave a brief background about themselves.

Public Hearing: Petition for a variance from s.20.29(6) of the Municipal Code (Zoning Code) to exceed the total floor area allowable for accessory buildings, for Jacquelyn White, 221 S. Duluth Avenue: Chairperson Murrock opened the public hearing at 12:19 p.m.

Mr. Sullivan-Robinson stated that Ms. White owns the property at 221 S Duluth Avenue. She and her husband are proposing to build a 25' x 30' accessory building. Two accessory buildings are allowed on a lot that cannot exceed more than 1,000 total square feet or 3%

of the lot area. This proposed building would exceed the maximum allowed by approximately 700 square feet. They had previously received a 576 square-foot variance for a 24' x 24' accessory building that had never been built.

Jacquelyn White, 221 S Duluth Avenue, stated that she came before the ZBA about 2 ½ years ago and received a variance. She obtained a building permit in August, 2017 and couldn't find anyone to build their garage. As she also stated in 2017, her husband is 100% disabled, with many health issues. The doors on the existing building are 7 feet high, which is not high enough to house their truck. The proposed building is 13 feet high and ten feet on the sides. The door would be 8 feet high. She wasn't sure if the company they purchased the building from would give them their deposit back if they went to a smaller size building. Their proposed building is a galvanized steel building and will match the house colorwise.

Mr. Chaudoir suggested that Ms. White contact the building company to see if they can exchange the 25' x 30' building for a 24' x 24' building that was already approved.

Debbie Geitner, 206 S. Duluth Avenue, stated that their existing barn building is beautiful and should never be taken down. From her house, it would be a better view with the proposed garage, since it would block the other storage buildings located behind the White's property.

One letter of correspondence was received from Jeff Kuhns, 212 S Duluth Avenue, in favor of the variance.

The public hearing was declared closed at 12:41.

Consideration of: Petition for a variance from s.20.29(6) of the Municipal Code (Zoning Code) to exceed the total floor area allowable for accessory buildings, for Jacquelyn White, 221 S. Duluth Avenue: After discussion, it was moved by Mr. Goodwin, seconded by Mr. Chaudoir to table until the next ZBA meeting, subject to it being feasible to exchange the proposed building size with the already approved variance. All ayes. Carried.

Adjourn: Moved by Mr. Chaudoir, seconded by Mr. Augustson to adjourn. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Nault
Community Development Secretary