

Marquette County Board of Adjustment
April 27, 2023
3:00pm
County Board Room-Services Center

Members present: Mary Walters-Chair, Lance Achterberg, Mike Johnson, Fred Wollenburg

Others present: In person: Tom Onofrey, Michael Kowalski, Douglas and Kathryn Searles

The Chair called the meeting to order. Motion by Achterberg to approve the minutes, second by Johnson. Minutes approved 3-0. Member introductions made by Chair. Chair explained meeting procedure. Onofrey explained appealing a Board of Adjustment decision.

Chair opened the public hearing for an application by Douglas & Kathryn Searles, Owners, 1341 W Pine St., Appleton, WI 54914, are applying for a Variance under Section 70.17(B)(3) and 70.52(B)(3) of the Marquette County Code of Ordinances Chapter 70-Zoning for the construction of an addition to an existing dwelling at a reduced setback to the right of way/centerline of a county road. Legal description is Lot 6 of Buffalo Heights Subdivision being part of Government Lot 6, Section 18, T15N R10E, Town of Montello. Chair reviewed materials. Board viewed video. Chair asked applicant if they had any additional information. None given. Chair noted no public was present to comment and closed the public hearing. Achterberg stated he was in favor of approving the application because an addition is a reasonable request in this situation because the house is small, and that the ordinance setback requirement prevents the applicant from expanding. He noted that there are no safety issues with the road because of the slope and that the addition does meet the lake setback. Johnson stated he is in favor because the addition meets the setback to the lake, the existing house is small and there are no safety issues. Chair stated she is in favor of the request because the ordinance requirement prevents the applicant from expanding a small house, there are no safety issues, and it meets the lake setback. Application approved: 3-0.

Chair opened the public hearing for an application by Michael & Sara Kowalski, Owners, W7082 Elk Rd., Westfield, WI 53964, are applying for a Special Exception under Sections 70.25(E)(4) of the Marquette County Code of Ordinances Chapter 70-Zoning for the construction of mini warehouses. Legal description is Lot 1 of CSM 2106 Being part of the NE-SW & NW-SE, Section 18, T15N R08E, Town of Oxford. Chair reviewed materials. Board viewed video. Chair noted that no public was present and closed the public hearing. Motion by Johnson to attach the following conditions: 1) Minimum of a 25-foot setback to south lot line. 2) Applicant to have reasonable hours of operation. 3) No outside storage. 4) Stormwater infiltration plan to be approved by the Land Conservation Department and implemented. Second by Achterberg. Motion carried: 3-0. Johnson stated he is in favor of the application because it is consistent with other uses in the area, no detrimental effects on neighbors and the Town Board is in support. Achterberg stated he is in favor because it is consistent with the other commercial uses in the area making it compatible. Chair stated she is in favor because it is a commercial area and there are no safety issues. Application approved with conditions: 3-0.

Chair asked for other business. There will be a May 18th meeting at 3pm.

Chair adjourned the meeting at 3:40pm.