

MINUTES BUILDING BOARD OF APPEALS

MONDAY, OCTOBER 6th, 2014 4:00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dan Koski, Curt Kerscher, Jim Blaha,
Paul Braun, Todd Blaser

ABSENT: None

OTHERS: Jim Peterson, Molly Peterson, John Koss,
Rick Schwarz, Lisa Mueller

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Dan Koski at 4:00pm.

The appeal of Jim and Molly Peterson, parcel 807-403-133 N 18th Street was read.

Secretary Rick Schwarz presented to board members the exception to Municipal Ordinance 16.010(1) requested by the appellants, Jim and Molly Peterson, to allow construction of a private detached garage that exceeds the allowable maximum square footage in area.

Jim Blaha inquired as to what was located directly west of the parcel. Secretary Schwarz responded it is the Dramm Corporation which is outside the city limits.

Chariman Koski asked those in attendance if there was any discussion.

Paul Braun requested clarification from Secretary Schwarz of the exception request by the Peterson's. Secretary Schwarz explained the code allows a maximum area of 720 square feet for detached garages. Oversize garages have been approved with respect to the size of the lot by Building Inspection and Fire Department staff in the past but felt the size of the requested structure and size of the lot should be reviewed by the board.

Paul Braun inquired if there were any safety concerns. Todd Blaser responded that he would caution the owner's to make sure proper fire protection is in place, a fire alarm system for example, as there is limited access to municipal water and at present no fire hydrants in the area which is more rural. The driveway access and limited turn around could pose a challenge for fire personnel as well.

Paul Braun asked Secretary Schwarz his concerns. Secretary Schwarz responded he had no objections.

Jim Blaha inquired if there were any concerns about the lot being sold off and the current size reduced. Secretary Schwarz responded that the Building Inspection department reviews lot splits and that the municipal ordinance requires minimum lot sizes and setbacks.

Curt Kerscher made a motion to grant the request as submitted. The motion was seconded by Jim Blaha.

There being no further discussion Chairperson Koski put the motion to a vote. The vote to grant the exception was unanimous.

There being no further business a motion was made by Curt Kerscher to adjourn at 4:10pm and seconded by Jim Blaha. Vote by the board was unanimous.

Submitted by,

Rick Schwarz
SECRETARY
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