

CITY OF OKOBOJI
MINUTES OF THE CITY OF OKOBOJI BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 2021 – 6:00P

The Board of Adjustment for the City of Okoboji met on the above date at 6:00pm via Zoom teleconference. Board Members present were Ann Mugge, Dan Sanders, Steve Dulin and Babs Liesveld. Board Member Primavera was excused. Others present were City Administrator Michael Meyers, Dave Stein, Rob Hinn, and Angela Bousquet-Hinn.

Board Member Dulin chaired the meeting and called the meeting to order at 6:00PM.

Motion made by Board Member Liesveld and a second by Board Member Sanders to approve the minutes of the previous Board of Adjustment meeting held on January 6, 2021. The following Board Members voted “YEA”: Mugge, Sanders, Dulin, and Liesveld. Motion passed 4-0.

Chairperson Dulin opened a public hearing to consider a variance request from Rob and Angela Hinn, owners of a currently unaddressed vacant parcel of property with a parcel ID number of 07-19-27-6015 and legally described as Lot 37 of the West Okoboji Meadows Subdivision in the City of Okoboji, Iowa. The proposed construction is in violation of the City of Okoboji Zoning Ordinance Section 5.5, specifically the construction is in violation of the front yard, rear yard, and side yard requirements for the R-1 zoning district.

City Administrator described relevant information pertaining to the requested variance request. Meyers advised that there were four letters submitted in opposition against the granting of the variance and no letters submitted in support.

Chairperson Dulin read aloud the appeal letter submitted by Rob and Angela Hinn. Dulin also read aloud the four letters submitted in opposition.

Rob Hinn spoke in favor of the proposed construction and explained how the lot was unique and challenging to build on. Hinn advised that they were open to changes and did not want to create hardships with the neighborhood.

Board Member Mugge inquired about how the specific yards were determined for this specific lot. Meyers explained that this particular layout maximized the buildable area for the lot. Conversation continued about the front yard of the property, the rear yard, and dealing with the curve of the lot.

Board Member Dulin advised that many homeowners in this neighborhood have needed to purchase adjacent lots to build their preferred house.

Board Member Mugge commented that this was new construction and felt that it should conform. Board Member Liesveld agreed with this statement.

Motion made by Board Member Mugge and a second by Board Member Sanders to deny the variance. The following Board Members voted "YEA": Mugge, Sanders, Liesveld, Dulin. Motion passed 4-0.

City Administrator Meyers presented a settlement agreement for the Trailview-Odyssey conditional use permit. City Attorney David Stein called into the meeting to discuss.

Motion made by Board Member Liesveld and a second by Board Member Mugge to approve the settlement agreement. The following Board Members voted "YEA": Mugge, Sanders, Liesveld, Dulin. Motion passed 4-0.

ADJOURNMENT

MICHAEL MEYERS
CITY ADMINISTRATOR