

**CITY OF OKOBOJI – BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 28, 2022 MEETING HELD AT 6:00PM
OKOBOJI CITY HALL, 1322 HIGHWAY 71 N., OKOBOJI, IOWA 51355**

The Board of Adjustment for the City of Okoboji met on the above date at 6:00PM at the Okoboji City Hall (1322 Highway 71 N., Okoboji, Iowa 51355). Board Members present were Owen Primavera, Steve Dulin, Kae Hoppe, Erin Reed, and Barbara Liesveld. Others present were City Administrator Michael Meyers, Bob Worden, and Peg Worden.

Board Member Primavera chaired the meeting.

Chairperson Primavera read aloud relevant documentation pertaining to a variance request from Worden Living Trust of 1232 Summer Circle Drive and the construction of a new deck. Primavera outlined that the request was denied due to rear yard encroachment.

Chairperson Primavera opened the public hearing.

There was one letter in opposition to this project from Joel Swanson. This letter was read aloud.

Bob Worden discussed that he envisioned the addition he was not aware that it would be in violation due to all the houses on this block essentially being in the same alignment. Worden did not want to change the looks in the house but instead wanted the roofline to be the same as the existing structure.

Chairperson Primavera advised that most of the properties along this block were older builds that were likely utilizing a different setback at the time. Primavera noted that all the houses along the block are more or less the same setback which under today's Ordinance is not conforming.

City Administrator Meyers advised to the Board that the addition is on the north side and would follow the existing roofline. Discussion took place pertaining to the changes in zoning code over many decades.

Chairperson Primavera closed the public hearing.

Board Member Dulin felt that when the project was done, no one would even be able to recognize any difference.

Motion made by Board Member Reed and a second by Board Member Liesveld to approve the application and variance request as presented by Worden Living Trust with the condition of an approved low impact development plan. The following Board Members voted "AYE": Primavera, Dulin, Hoppe, Reed, Liesveld. Motion passed 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Michael Meyers
City Administrator