

CITY OF OKOBOJI – BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
MEETING MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 30, 2022 MEETING HELD AT 6:00PM
CITY OF 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 in the Okoboji City Hall (1322 Highway 71 N., Okoboji, Iowa 51355).p Board Members present were Owen Primavera, Steve Dulin, Kae Hoppe, Erin Reed, and Barbara Liesveld. Others present were City Administrator Michael Meyers, John Vernon, and Ron Hansen (Present via Zoom Teleconference).

Board Member Primavera chaired the meeting.

Motion made by Board Member Liesveld and a second by Board Member Reed to approve the minutes from the May 31, 2022 Board of Adjustment meeting. The following Board Members voted “AYE”: Primavera, Dulin, Hoppe, Reed, and Liesveld. Motion passed 5-0.

Motion made by Board Member Reed and a second by Board Member Liesveld to approve the minutes from the June 28, 2022 Board of Adjustment meeting. The following Board Members voted “AYE”: Primavera, Dulin, Hoppe, Reed, and Liesveld. Motion passed 5-0.

Chairperson Primavera read aloud relevant documentation pertaining to a variance request from Hansen Cottage LLC of an unaddressed lot (Parcel #07-19-12-8009) on Holliday Way (across from 2007 Holliday Way), Okoboji, Iowa 51355. The applicant wishes to construct an addition that is encroaching on the southeast and southwest street side yard setback.

Chairperson Primavera opened the public hearing. There were no letters in favor or opposition to the proposed project.

Ron Hansen spoke in favor of the proposal advising that he wished to convert it into a single family dwelling specifically for winter use and that he felt it would bring the property up to code and be more aesthetically pleasing.

Chairperson Primavera commented that any construction would be an improvement upon what was presently there.

Discussion took place concerning the granted easement on this property as well as the issues of a ‘double corner lot’.

John Vernon advised that he lives across the street from the property and offered support for the project.

City Administrator Meyers reviewed the minimum standards for a dwelling unit in the City of Okoboji.

Board Member Liesveld asked if the garage structure was sound. Hansen advised that the builder felt it was structurally sound.

Chairperson Primavera again discussed that this would be an improvement for the whole neighborhood.

Board Member Dulin advised there is a lot of open space still on this property.

Ron Hansen commented on the age of the structure and advised that any improvements allowed would be appreciated.

The public hearing was closed.

Board Member Reed felt that the addition would be an improvement and noted that a significant portion of the addition was conforming.

Motion made by Board Member Reed and a second by Board Member Hoppe to approve the application and variance request as presented by Hansen Cottage LLC. A condition was put upon the approval that the southeast portion of the structure not be moved in any way. The following Board Members voted "AYE": Primavera, Dulin, Hoppe, Reed, and Liesveld. Motion passed 5-0.

Motion made by Board Member Liesveld and second by Board Member Reed to adjourn the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT.

Michael Meyers, City Administrator