

TOWN OF LAPRAIRIE

Minutes

Board of Appeals

May 30, 2023

Approved 8-19-2024

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chair Jerry Frei. Roll call was taken. Present are: Erin Conway, Fred Clint, Scott Roberts and Jerry Frei. Dave DeLong is present but abstaining. Mark Schroeder is absent. A quorum is present. The meeting has been posted to comply with the Open Meeting Laws. Erin Conway moved to adopt the agenda; second by Jerry Frei. Motion passed. A motion to approve the minutes from May 15, 2024 was made by Erin Conway, second by Fred Clint. Motion approved.

BOARD OF APPEALS BUSINESS

To discuss and act on the variance request by Dave & Marcia DeLong. They are requesting approval for a driveway more than 600 feet long for parcel 6-10-173 with an address of 7231 E. Elm Dr. Janesville.

1. Unnecessary Hardship: Meets this standard because the strict conformity would be an unnecessary burdensome. Without the variance it would cause disruption while not maintaining the spirit of the ordinance of management of low-density housing.
2. Unique Property Limitation: Meets these criteria along with (1.) The drive was in existence although it had fallen into disrepair before & after the ordinance was approved. The request is specific to the property.
3. Protection of the Public Interest: Meets this standard because it results in preservation of farmland over home density, the purpose of the ordinance for which the variance is required. Disruption of agricultural land would be increased without the variance.
4. At the public hearing there was no opposition from nearby landowners present. This variance permits minimal disruption it reclaims a driveway previously in existence.

FINDINGS

1. **Exceptional Circumstances:** There is no other way to access the property.

Voting in a Roll Call Vote:

Erin Conway Yes

Fred Clint Yes

Jerry Frei Yes

Scott Roberts Yes

2. **Absence of Detriment:**

Voting in a Roll Call Vote:

Erin Conway Yes

Fred Clint Yes

Jerry Frei Yes

Scott Roberts Yes

3. Findings of Fact: The facts support approval of the variance for a longer drive.

Voting in a Roll Call Vote:

Erin Conway Yes

Fred Clint Yes

Jerry Frei Yes

Scott Roberts Yes

The variance for the property at 6-10-173 with an address of 7231 E Elm Dr. Janesville, is approved.

NEXT MEETING DATE

None needed at this time.

ADJOURN

Fred Clint moved to adjourn; second by Erin Conway. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Miller

Clerk