

CITY OF OCONTO
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
City Hall – Council Chambers
1210 Main St, Oconto, WI 54153
WEDNESDAY, JULY 20, 2022 - 5:00 PM

Draft for Approval

Meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals called to order at 5:00 pm by Mayor Panetti

Members met at City Hall and went as a group to inspect 302 Farnsworth Ave, Oconto
(Members: Ron Daul, Bob Heiser, Ken Hayes, Steve Gering, and Scott Geller; Others: Joe Last, Mayor Panetti, Brittney Bickel, Ann Beekman, and Greg Beekman)

Minutes of the Public Hearing Pursuant to Notice Duly Given:

Request from Greg Beekman & Ann Beekman, 302 Farnsworth Ave - Request for a variance from City Ordinance Sec. 14-1-73(e); 13-1-42(1), (4), & (5); and 13-1-120

Present at the Public Hearing: see roll call below

Mayor Panetti opened the public hearing at 5:25 p.m. and asked for public input.

Public Input –

- Greg Beekman, spoke on location of 302 Farnsworth Ave and fully explained his case.

Mayor Panetti asked three times for public input, hearing none.

Minutes of the Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting Pursuant to Notice Duly Given:

Roll Call –

Members Present: Ron Daul, Bob Heiser, Ken Hayes, Steve Gering, and Scott Geller
(alternate member)

Also present: Mayor Panetti, City Administrator Brittney Bickel as recording secretary,
Building Inspector Joe Last, Ann Beekman, and Greg Beekman

Members Excused: Sheri Groll

Members Absent: Kim Bronikowski (alternate member)

Election of Chair –

Daul nominated Ken Hayes, Gering seconded the nomination.

Hayes nominated Bob Heiser. Heiser declined.

Hayes accepted.

MOTION: Daul / Gering

Motion to elect Ken Hayes as Chair of the Zoning Board of Appeals. Voice Vote: 5 ayes -

MOTION CARRIED

Approval of Agenda –

MOTION: Daul / Geller

Motion to approve the agenda as presented for the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting on July 20, 2022. Voice Vote: 5 ayes - MOTION CARRIED

Correspondence/Public Input – none

Discussion/Recommendation on –

- a. Request for Variance filed by Greg Beekman & Ann Beekman, 302 Farnsworth Ave, Oconto, from City Ordinance Sec. 14-1-73(e); 13-1-42(1), (4), & (5); and 13-1-120

Building Inspector Joe Last explained the handouts of the desired deck and the ordinances that it violates. Last explained Ann’s house is inside the Vision Triangle and does not meet the Set Back requirements either, but it is an existing non-conforming structure and the ordinances allow for a new deck to be built that is either the same size or smaller than the old one. Last did allow them a couple inches of “wobble room” but could not go against the City’s ordinances and allow for the drastic change the homeowner wished to have. Greg Beekman argued the deck would increase the home’s curb appeal and did not affect vision at the intersection. The Committee discussed the variance, pointing out the lack of hardship, the ordinance specifically stating “no variance shall be granted under this subsection” of R-2 Residential District Sec 13-1-42(g)(4), and the importance of following ordinances and keeping in mind public safety/fire safety.

MOTION: Daul /

Motion to deny the variance. No Second. MOTION FAILED

MOTION: Gering / Geller

Motion to TABLE the variance until further clarification from the City Attorney if a variance is allowable under our Ordinances. Voice Vote: 5 ayes - MOTION CARRIED

Adjournment –

MOTION: Heiser / Daul

Motion to adjourn at 6:02 pm. Voice Vote: 5 ayes - MOTION CARRIED

Respectively submitted by
Brittney M. Bickel, City Administrator