

ISABELLA COUNTY
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

October 18, 2023

A Regular Meeting of the Isabella County Zoning Board of Appeals was held on July 18, 2023 at the Commission on Aging Building, 2200 South Lincoln Street, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jim Wynes, Brent Duffett, Phillip Vogel, Tom Riley, Tom Kromer

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

SUPPORT STAFF PRESENT: Ray Johnson, Planner/Zoning Administrator

Mr. Johnson advised the members to begin the meeting late because of the change of location. He indicated the change in location was due to the emergency closure of the County Administration Building and that a notice was placed on the County Building entrances and the County website.

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 9:10 a.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the Board.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Wynes called for an approval of the agenda.

A motion was made by Mr. Riley supported by Mr. Duffett to approve the agenda.

Yes: Jim Wynes, Brent Duffett, Phillip Vogel, Tom Riley, Tom Kromer

No: None

Motion carried.

PREVIOUS MINUTES

Minutes from the July 19, 2023 regular meeting were circulated to the Board prior to the meeting for their review.

Mr. Wynes called for an approval of the April 19, 2023 regular meeting minutes.

A motion was made by Mr. Kromer supported by Mr. Vogel to approve the minutes as presented.

Mr. Wynes called for a vote.

Yes: Jim Wynes, Brent Duffett, Phillip Vogel, Tom Riley, Tom Kromer

Non: None

Motion Carried

PUBLIC COMMENT – Opened at 9:10 a.m., Closed at 9:10 a.m.

VAR #23-05 Galinski – Nottawa Township

Mr. Johnson reviewed his staff report regarding the variance request. He indicated the request is for a rear yard setback of 10 feet where 35 ft is required for the construction of a 26 x 26-foot cold storage garage

Mr. Johnson indicated that staff developed a map based upon the letters of support received. He indicated this map shows that nearly every home on the block and surrounding the Galinski's was in favor of the request.

The Chair invited the applicant to speak.

Mrs. Kathleen Galinski reviewed the justification submitted with the application. She also thanked staff for their work leading up to the meeting.

Mr. Kromer commented positively on the detailed site plan provided by the applicant.

The Chair opened public comment at 9:17 a.m., closed at 9:17 a.m.

The Chair called for Board discussion.

Mr. Vogel and Mr. Duffett agreed the applicant has met the review criteria in Section 14.04 C of the ordinance.

Mr. Duffett further commented that this circumstance was out of the control of the Galinski's.

Hearing no further discussion, the Chair called for a motion.

A motion was made by Mr. Duffett to approve Variance Number 23-05 (VAR#23-05) as submitted by Matthew and Kathleen Galinski for a rear yard setback of 10 feet where 35 feet is required for this parcel in the Medium Density Residential (R-2) district.

The motion was supported by Mr. Kromer.

Mr. Wynes called for a roll call vote.

Mr. Vogel: Yes
Mr. Duffett: Yes
Mr. Riley: Yes
Mr. Kromer: Yes
Mr. Wynes: Yes

Motion carried.

STAFF COMMENTS – Mr. Johnson indicated that there will likely be a meeting in November and he will be in touch to be sure the location clearly communicated in the event the County Administration building remains closed.

APPEALS BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS – None

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Wynes adjourned the meeting at 9:20 a.m.

Tom Riley, Secretary
Ray Johnson, Recording Secretary

Unapproved