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REDWOOD COUNTY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

MINUTES

Meeting Date: May 13, 2021

A meeting of the Redwood County Board of Adjustment convened on Thursday, the 13th day of May, 2021. The meeting consisted of one public hearing. The meeting was convened at 32155 Garden Avenue, Belview. The following Board of Adjustment members were present: Dan Tauer, John Rohlik, and John Schueller. The following individuals were also present: Barbara Rechtzigel, Ken Rechyzigel, and Redwood County Land Use & Zoning Supervisor Nick Brozek.

At 8:40 a.m., the meeting was called to order by Chair Dan Tauer.

Chair Tauer opened a public hearing on an *Application for Variance*, Permit Application No. 2-21v, submitted by Ken Rechtzigel. Prior to the Board of Adjustment meeting, the Board of Adjustment members were provided an informational packet which included the following information regarding the matter:

1. Ken Rechtzigel is proposing to construct a living room addition and wrap-around porch addition to his existing house, located at 32155 Garden Avenue, Belview. The addition will be four feet away from the existing septic tank, and thus will not meet the required 10-foot setback required in Redwood County Code of Ordinances, Title XV, Section 151.22(F).
2. The living room addition will be located at the north end of the west side of the house, and will meet the required 10-foot setback from the septic tank. The wrap-around porch will extend south from the living room addition, along the west side of the house, and then will continue partway along the south side of the house. The septic tank is located west of the house, about 13 feet from what is currently the southwest corner of the house.
3. The septic tank and septic system were installed in the spring of 2000 by Duane Duscher. The tank is a 1500-gallon two-compartment concrete tank, manufactured by Central Allied. Per the construction inspection report, there is 80 inches of earth covering the tank. The treatment area is an additional 70 feet west of the tank.
5. A public hearing will be held on May 13, 2021, at 8:30 a.m. regarding an Application for Variance filed by Ken Rechtzigel, landowner, pursuant to Redwood County Code of Ordinances, Title XV, Sections 153.026 to the required setback between a structure and a septic tank set forth in Redwood County Code of Ordinances, Title XV, Section 151.22(F).
6. Pursuant to Redwood County Ordinance, written notice shall be provided to all property owners of record within five hundred (500) feet of the affected property via U.S. Mail as to the time and

place of the public hearing. Further, written notice shall also be provided to the affected board of township supervisors and the municipal council of any municipality within two (2) miles of the affected property. Because the project is related to septic systems, notice was also required to be sent to the MPCA.

The following information was presented to and considered by the Redwood County Board of Adjustment at the public hearing:

Ken Rehtzigel was present to explain the project. He made the following statements about the application:

- He is planning a wrap-around porch and house addition on the west and south sides of his existing house.
- On the west side, the addition will come out 9 feet from the existing exterior wall of the house.
- He pointed to flags he had set in the ground marking the footprint of the addition.
- The existing septic tank, for the septic system serving the house, is located 15 feet from the current exterior wall, so after the addition, the tank will be only 6 feet from the house.
- The septic treatment area is located farther west and will meet the setback.
- The porch will be set on posts (foundation), which will be kept away from the tank as much as possible. The roof will have gutters to prevent water from running off the roof onto the tank.

No one spoke in opposition to the variance.

Schueller made a motion to approve a 4-foot variance for the proposed home addition. The motion was seconded by Rohlik and the variance was approved by unanimous vote.

Discussion was held regarding the Minutes of the Board of Adjustment meeting held on the 9th day of February, 2021. On a motion made by Rohlik and seconded by Schueller, it was moved and passed unanimously that said minutes be approved as presented.

The meeting was then adjourned.



Nick Brozek, Land Use and Zoning Supervisor
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Dan Tauer, Chair
Redwood County Board of Adjustment