

Marquette County Board of Adjustment
January 9, 2017
4:00 PM
Public Safety Room 103

Members present: Mike Jacobi – Chair, Jan Banicki, Mary Walters, Lance Achterberg-Alternate
Others present: Tom Onofrey, Jean Potter, James Wierschem, Gary Glunn, Gabrielle and Dennis Cook.

The Chair called the meeting to order. The Chair asked for additions or corrections to the previous meeting minutes. None given. Motion by Banicki to approve the minutes, second by Walters. Motion carried: unanimously. Chair reviewed meeting procedure. Proper publication confirmed. The appeals process was stated.

The Chair opened the public hearing on an application by James and Susan Wierschem, W434 Riverview Drive, Montello, WI 53949 who are requesting a variance under Section 70.25(C) of the Marquette County Code of Ordinances for the construction of a garage at a reduced setback to a lot line on Lot 10, Schultz Brothers Plat in Section 3, T15N R11, Town of Mecan. Chair reviewed application materials. Applicant explained the lay out of the former garage, which was converted to living area by the former owner. Board viewed video of property. Discussion followed. Applicant explained that the house is now a full time residence and a garage is needed. Discussion followed. Chair asked for comments from those in attendance either in favor or against. None given. Chair closed the public hearing and the Board deliberated. Banicki stated she sees no reason to deny the request and is favor of approval. Walters stated that there is no room on the lot for the garage without a variance and that it is on the roadside of the dwelling away from the water and that she is in favor of the request. Chair explained that he is in favor because it is going no closer than the existing structure and that there are no other options for a garage. He stated there would be no adverse impact on the public and a garage is a reasonable expectation for a residential lot. Application approved: 3-0.

The Chair opened the public hearing on an application by Gabrielle and Dennis Cook, 190 Manson Rd, Cambridge, WI 53523 who are requesting variances to Sections 70.17(B)(3) and 70.52(B)(3) of the Marquette County Code of Ordinances for a reduced setback to the centerline of a town road for the construction of a screen porch and deck on Lots 1 & 2, Block 3, Lakeview Subdivision in the SW1/4-SE1/4, Section 30, T14N R8E, Town of Douglas. Chair reviewed application materials. Board viewed video. Discussion followed. Walters asked the applicant about why the deck was needed. Applicant stated it is to access the screen porch from the house and more of a walkway than a deck. Chair asked for comments from those in attendance. None given. Chair closed the public hearing and the Board deliberated. Walters stated that the placement of the house on the property limited options for adding porch and basement and that a basement is justifiable for mechanicals. Walters stated she is in favor of the request because it would be unnecessarily burdensome to not allow the construction for reasons stated. Banicki stated she is in favor of the request because of the existing layout and that the construction is away from the road. Chair explained that he is in favor because there are no other options with the location of the house and road and that a basement is a reasonable request for mechanicals. Application approved: 3-0.

The Chair asked for other business. Onofrey stated there would be a February 6th meeting. Motion by Banicki to adjourn, second by Walters. Meeting adjourned 4:35 pm.