

Marquette County Board of Adjustment
March 6, 2017
4:00 PM
Public Safety Room 103

Members present: Mike Jacobi-Chair, Mary Walters, and Lance Achterberg
Others present: Tom Onofrey, Dustin Grant, and others on file.

The Chair called the meeting to order. The Chair asked for additions or corrections to the previous meeting minutes. None given. Motion/2nd by Walters/Achterberg to approve the minutes. **Motion carried: 3-0.** Chair reviewed meeting procedure. Proper publication confirmed. The appeals process was stated.

The Chair opened the public hearing on a **Previously tabled application by Edward Pickens**, Agent, 719 S Main St Westfield, WI 53964 and Richard Johnson, Owner, 719 S Main St, Westfield, WI 53964 are requesting a Special Exception under Section 70.24(E)(3) of the Marquette County Zoning Ordinance for the operation of a resort on Lot 1, CSM 105, Section 9, T16N R8E, **Town of Westfield**. Fire # N6855 Campbell Court. Chair reviewed application materials. The Chair read the Town minutes and correspondence from the neighbors. The Board viewed video of property. The Zoning Administrator narrated. The Board also viewed photos of the proposed cabins. Discussion followed. The Applicant discussed a number of topics with the Board. These included: all building codes must be met, holding tanks are not allowed, area is already noisy, 6-9 people maximum at a time on the property, limited pruning of vegetation necessary, all 3 cabins would share a septic and well, cabins will be year-round ready, and will take measures to prevent water from freezing. The Chair asked for comments from those in attendance in favor - Jeff Hamel; Against – Bill Lundy, Jim Brussman, Kathy Carey, Cheryl Motter, Connie Kukuwich, Steve Paine, Ed Smith, Carol Golisch, David Snow, Jon Tassler. The attendees speaking against the application raised several points: noisy area already and this would add to it, quiet area and this would make it loud, people are not considerate of private property, concern about ownership of property, concerns about parking, questions about ADA compliance, concerns about becoming long-term rentals, concerns about parties and theft, and concerns about trespassing. The Chair closed the public hearing and the Applicant responded. He stated he would inform renters where to park and where the property lines are. He also stated that he would be living at the property full time. Board deliberated. Mrs. Walters stated she was concerned about slope to cabin, number of cabins, covenances, not compatible with surrounding uses, and the shared well. Mr. Achterberg stated that many of the concerns raised by the audience are speculation. He also stated that the focus should be on compatibility and there are already rentals and a resort in the area. Mr. Jacobi stated he felt it would be detrimental to the neighbors. He also stated that the Town, Lake Association and most of the neighbors are against the proposal. **Vote on Special Exception Application: Yes: Achterberg, Nay: Walters, Jacobi. Special Exception Application Denied: 1-2.**

The Chair asked for other business. Onofrey stated the next meeting will be May 1st. Motion by Banicki to adjourn, second by Walters. Meeting adjourned 4:47 pm.