

Dickinson County Board of Adjustment
May 28, 2024
7:00 P.M.

The Dickinson County Board of Adjustment met Monday May 28, 2024, at 7:00 P.M. in the Maser Monarch Lodge, 22703 Nature Center Rd, Okoboji, Iowa.

Members present were Jeff Ashland, Alex Oponski, Kirby Berhow and Cami Wills. Susan Clark was absent.

Also in attendance was Megan Kardell, Planning & Zoning Administrator and Lee McKim, Dickinson County Zoning Assistant. Absent was Steven Goodlow, Dickinson County Attorney.

Jeff Ashland, Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and read the opening statement.

First on the agenda was Roll Call.

Second on the agenda was New Business:

1. Joan Swenson, Variance, East Okoboji Beach Township Lot 3 BLK 2 Unit 2, Dickinson County, Iowa, Parcel Number 0711302003. The address is 16595 Shoreline Drive, Spirit Lake, Iowa.

Joan Swenson stated that the deck had deteriorated with time, and one of the trees on the south side of the house is dead. The tree the deck is built around is hollow and she would like to build in the same footprint but to fill in the deck and to take the tree out, staying in the same footprint. Swenson, stated she has talked to the DNR about replacing the retaining wall as it is cracked. The retaining wall impedes the land owned by DNR by 1 foot and was given approval from them.

Oponski asked if the section on the side of the house, the walkway to be replaced. Swenson stated no that she was going to do sidewalk only there.

Ashland asked for correspondence, there was none.

Ashland asked about public comment, there was none.

Ashland asked for a motion to vote, Oponski made the motion, Berhow seconded.

The votes are approved 4-0 Ashland, Berhow, Oponski and Wills.

2. Northern Natural Gas & Green Plains Superior LLC, Variance, Section 34 Township 100 Range 35 Superior Township SE S of RR & SE SE N of RR EXFTRTS & RR ROW SE SE, Dickinson County, Iowa. Parcel 0434400018. The address is 1495 320th Ave, Spirit Lake, Iowa.

Mitch Kleist of Natural Gas was here to speak. Kleist stated the station that is there is metered into the local distribution system. Kleist stated this structure they are asking for would be the purpose to feed the ethanol plant with the goal of the structures to protect from weather, the noise from the ethanol plant by the highway, and corn that's grinded from the plant. Structures are prefabricated and dropped into place.

Kardell stated it excludes buildings and on a corner lot on Highway 9, typically, accessory buildings are not in the front yard.

Ashland asked for Correspondence, there was none.

Ashland asked for a motion to vote. Berhow motioned and Oponski seconded.

Votes are 4-0 approved. Oponski, Wills, Ashland, Berhow.

Third item on the agenda Old or unknown business. None.

Approval from the March 25, 2024, minutes, Wills motioned, Berhow seconded. All in favor.

Communications Kardell stated that the ISU training would be on the June 12, 20024 and to let the City of Orleans know if we have enough to attend.

Kardell stated that June 6th the new conditional use will be effective. We will reprint the ordinance for the board's binders. Kardell discussed the new procedures for the board.

Discussion within the board.

Fourth item on the agenda was Adjournment.

Oponski motioned to adjourn, Berhow seconded the motion. All were in favor.

(For more information, see BOA 05 28 24)