

BOARD OF APPEALS
City of Beaver Dam, Wisconsin
Wednesday, November 20, 2019
MEETING MINUTES

PRESENT: Chairperson Mike Wissell, Lowell Peck, Kay Appenfeldt, Heidi Freeby

ABSENT AND EXCUSED: none

OTHERS: John Moosreiner, Inspection Services, City Attorney MaryAnn Schacht, Petitioners Danah and John Rosenmeier, Cris Olson

Chairperson **Wissell** called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. in Room 54 at the Municipal Building.

Motion by **Peck**, second by **Freeby**, to approve the minutes of the July 17, 2019 meeting carried by acclamation.

Wissell presented the following petition:

John and Danah Rosenmeier, property owners, **518 W Mackie Street**, hereby petition a variance to **Section 70-182 (3) (a) Residential Fencing**, of the Municipal Code, for Parcel Number **1214-3244-070** located at **518 W Mackie Street**, to permit owner to construct a 6' solid fence in the front yard. Municipal Code requires a 4' fence in the street/front yard that is 50% open/opaque. The owner is requesting a variance of 2' and solid fence in the front yard.

Wissell also read a letter from a neighbor that lives to the north of the property at 507 Mary Street. The neighbor who was unable to be present at the meeting was concerned with the visibility next to his driveway but would be ok if they angled the fence and had discussed this with the **Rosenmeiers**.

The public hearing was called to order with **Danah Rosenmeier** explaining how her property is tiered and for the safety of the community and her dogs she would need the fence at 6'. **Cris Olson** spoke that this is the property owner's forever home and the fence would be maintained beautifully.

After brief discussion regarding Legal Standards for Variances and hardships, a motion by **Peck**, second by **Freeby**, to DENY the original variance as petitioned was carried by acclamation.

The board then discussed an amendment of 6' high section of fence, 6' out from the house to accommodate the existing stairs on the northwest side of the house.

A motion by **Peck**, second by **Freeby**, to approve the amended 6' fence placement carried by acclamation.

Freeby moved to adjourn at 3:55 p.m., second by **Appenfeldt**. Motion was carried by acclamation. The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Recording Secretary, Judy Diekvoss