

BOARD OF APPEALS
City of Beaver Dam, Wisconsin
Wednesday, May 19, 2021
MEETING MINUTES

PRESENT: Chairperson Robert Ballweg, Kay Appenfeldt, Lowell Peck, and Steve Hannan.

ABSENT AND EXCUSED: none.

OTHERS: John Moosreiner, Inspection Services, Alderperson Dave Hansen, and Katie Vyse.

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

Motion by **Peck**, second by **Appenfeldt**, to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2019 meeting carried by acclamation with one Abstention: **Ballweg**.

Motion by **Appenfeldt**, second by **Peck**, to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2021 meeting carried by acclamation.

Ballweg presented the following petition:

Stephen and Katie Vyse, property owner, **106 Empire Drive**, hereby petitions a variance to **Section 62-50 (3)**, of the **Beaver Dam Municipal Code**, for Parcel Number **206-1114-0842-015** located at **106 Empire Drive** stating: **“Prohibits parking of vehicles or equipment in the front yard areas of residential-use properties to preserve the property values and esthetics of neighborhoods. (2) The front yard of a corner lot shall be determined by both street frontages of the residence”**. The Owner is requesting to add on into the existing driveway into the front yard. Municipal Code states no parking in the front yard areas.

Moosreiner briefed the board members that the background on this variance is that this property is a corner lot and corner lots are always the toughest in the city to do anything on as you have two front yards. In this case, the applicant wants to put a driveway and or parking pad onto the side of the garage which is considered the front yard. Being a newer sub-division, on a corner lot, there are no other places in that sub-division that has had this done. You are allowed to have a parking pad, but the city likes them on the side yard. From zoning standpoint, he would not recommend it because what happens is that people park there and when you come into the entrance of the sub-division it will become a complaint of why I have to look at this, or that? He is worried as there are a lot of residents in the sub-division that have the same set up. If the city sets precedence on this property, then we are kind of setting precedence on others. If it does get approved, the suggestion would be to plant bushes or vitas to at least shield the car so when you enter into the sub-division it will look aesthetic.

The public hearing was called to order with **Katie Vyse** explaining the request to add on into the existing driveway into the front yard. Plans are to tear down the little fence and place the parking slab there and the slab will not be any closer to the sidewalk than what the fence is already. She mentioned she would be open to planting bushes as well.

After brief questions and discussion, a motion by **Hannan**, second by **Appenfeldt**, to approve to add on into the existing driveway into the front yard, carried by acclamation with one Noe: **Peck**.

Hannan moved to adjourn at 3:50 p.m., second by **Appenfeldt**. Motion was carried by acclamation. The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Recording Secretary,
Cheryl Lohry