



BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Minutes December 02, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm by Chairperson Wes Sharp and on roll call the following members were present:

Wes Sharp
Bill Mettee
Rene Soldwisch
Amy Mitchell

Members not present: James Sullivan

Staff Present: Charlie Dissell, Cortney Marmon

Public Present: Dallas Hoover 600 Brookwood Drive Indianola, IA 50125

The agenda of the December 2nd, 2020 meeting was approved on a motion by Bill Mettee and seconded by Amy Mitchell. On voice vote: All ayes.

Consider request from Dallas Hoover for a variance under the terms of Section 165.35 (3) of the Code of Ordinances of Indianola, Iowa, to permit the existing placement of an accessory structure at 600 Brookwood Dr, to which if allowed as requested, would not be in conformity with the requirements of Section 165.10 (2) of the Code of Ordinances of Indianola, Iowa. A variance is requested to allow the existing shed to remain in the side yard.

Dallas Hoover provided an overview of the project.

Wes Sharp asked how far back from the property line the shed would be.

Charlie Dissell said 5 feet.

Wes Sharp asked about accessory building codes.

Charlie Dissell said 5 feet from property line for accessory buildings.

Rene Soldwisch asked why the fence couldn't be moved.

Dallas Hoover said it would be too costly.

Bill Mettee said he has seen this issue in his city several times.

Wes Sharp the variance that was approved in May had different visibility and this one being by two easements for the street are a concern of his.

Dallas Hoover said the easement is very far back and there are no obstructions.

Wes sharp stated he drove by and looked at it.

Amy Mitchell asked the staff if there were any suggestions or recommendations.

Charlie Dissell said the size of this one was different than others approved and suggested looking at an alternate location for the shed for approval.

Wes Sharp asked if the shed had a foundation.

Dallas Hoover said no.

Amy Mitchell asked if the size or height could be reduced.

Dallas Hoover said the pitch was so deep for drainage it would be costly to change it.

Rene Soldwisch asked if making it smaller was an option.

Dallas Hoover said it would cost a lot of money.

Rene Soldwisch asked if the shed would be used for storage or recreation.

Dallas Hoover said it would be used to store lawn equipment.

Rene Soldwisch said it was difficult to make a decision on this one.

Wes Sharp agreed and said he could see the hardships.

Dallas Hoover said 606 N Kenwood had hardships and it was approved and he is asking for the same considerations.

Bill Mettee asked what goes into moving a shed.

Dallas Hoover said renting equipment, removing fence posts, etc.

Rene Soldwisch asked how done the shed is.

Dallas Hoover said it is almost done.

Rene Soldwisch asked if it was behind a fence.

Dallas Hoover said yes, it is behind a 6 foot privacy fence.

Motion was made by Board Member Amy Mitchell to approve the request from Dallas Hoover for a variance under the terms of Section 165.35 (3) of the Code of Ordinances of Indianola, Iowa, to permit the existing placement of an accessory structure at 600 Brookwood Dr, to which if allowed as requested, would not be in conformity with the requirements of Section 165.10 (2) of the Code of Ordinances of Indianola, Iowa.

This motion was seconded by Board Member Rene Soldwisch. On voice vote: Bill Mette and Rene Soldwisch, ayes. Amy Mitchell and Wes Sharp, nay. Motion failed due to split vote.

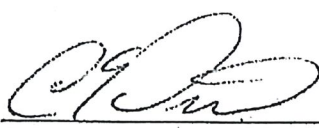
Motion was made by Board Member Rene Soldwisch to reconsider, at a later date, the request from Dallas Hoover for a variance under the terms of Section 165.35 (3) of the Code of Ordinances of Indianola, Iowa, to permit the existing placement of an accessory structure at 600 Brookwood Dr, to which if allowed as requested, would not be in conformity with the requirements of Section 165.10 (2) of the Code of Ordinances of Indianola, Iowa. This motion was seconded by Board Member Amy Mitchell. On voice vote: All ayes. Motion to approve was carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Board Member Bill Mette to table this item, the request from Dallas Hoover for a variance under the terms of Section 165.35 (3) of the Code of Ordinances of Indianola, Iowa, to permit the existing placement of an accessory structure at 600 Brookwood Dr, to which if allowed as requested, would not be in conformity with the requirements of Section 165.10 (2) of the Code of Ordinances of Indianola, Iowa, for decision and discussion at a later date. This motion was seconded by Board Member Rene Soldwisch. On voice vote: All ayes. Motion to approve was carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Rene Soldwisch seconded by Amy Mitchell. On voice vote: All ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 6:38pm


Wes Sharp, Chairperson


Charlie E. Dissell