

CITY OF OSKALOOSA
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS MEETING
APRIL 22, 2014

The meeting of the Board of Adjustments for the City of Oskaloosa was called to order at 5:02 pm on Tuesday, April 22, 2014 by Chairperson Perry Murry at the City Hall Council Chambers 220 S. Market St. Oskaloosa, Iowa.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Perry Murry, Jim Hansen, Lloyd Phillips, Wyatt Russell
Russell Sparks

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

CITY STAFF PRESENT: Building Official: Dave Weide.

PUBLIC PRESENT: Applicants: Mr. & Mrs. Jim Johnson, Justin Jarvis, Brian Booy

Minutes from the March 25, 2014 Board of Adjustment meeting.

Jim Hansen moved and Wyatt Russell seconded to approved the minutes of the March 25, 2014 Board of Adjustment meeting as presented.

Vote: YES: Murry, Hansen, Phillips, Russell, Sparks.
NO: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

Item 5-A: Consider a variance to build a 28' 8" X 9'8" covered front porch with a front yard setback of 11' 4" from the west property line located at 1003 High Ave. East.

The board members reviewed the application for the porch. The Mr. Johnson explained to the Board he needs a new porch and want to make a new one bigger. The Board explained the need for the owner to prove a hardship. The Board then discussed the possibility of constructing the porch without a roof. Mr. Johnson stated his design was in keeping with the neighborhood and the style of the house. Member Hansen stated he received a phone call from a neighbor opposing the proposed porch Chairperson Murry stated he also received a phone call opposing the project. Chairperson Murry asked the Board if there were any comments. Jim Hansen moved and Wyatt Russell seconded the motion to deny the variance as proposed.

Vote: YES: Hansen, Phillips, Russell, Sparks.
NO: None
ABSTAIN: Murry
ABSENT: None

Item 5-B: Consider a variance to build a 42' X 48' steel accessory structure with a height of 19' on the Northeast corner of the property located at 1435 3rd Ave. West.

The Board reviewed the application for the accessory structure. Mr. Jarvis stated he wants to have a building large enough to use as a shop and to store his trailer, camper,

etc. The Board discussed the maximum height requirement and other the height of other accessory structures in the area. The Board explained the height is measured from the average grade level to the ridge. The Board stated the building was not to exceed 19' in height. Chairperson Murry asked if there was any more discussion. Lloyd Phillips moved and Wyatt Russell seconded the motion to approve the variance as presented.

Vote: YES: Murry, Hansen, Phillips, Russell, Sparks.
NO: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

Item 5-C: Consider a variance to build a duplex on a 7,200 sq. ft. lot with a front yard setback of 15' and a rear yard setback of 7' from the east side of the property located at 408 & 410 South B Street and 215 4th Ave, West.

The Board reviewed the application for the duplex. Mr. Booy explained he purchased three lots on South B Street and 4th Avenue East and wanted to construct a duplex. Mr. Booy stated the condition of the houses on those properties were so poor he demolished them. He went on to explain the lots, as combined, were too small, according to the Zoning Code, to construct a single family house and the expense of acquiring the property and the cost of demolition made it more profitable. The Board discussed similar duplexes in the area. Chairperson Murry asked if there was any more discussion. Jim Hansen moved and Lloyd Phillips seconded to approve the variance as presented.

Vote: YES: Murry, Hansen, Phillips, Russell, Sparks.
NO: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

With no further business, Jim Hansen moved and Lloyd Phillips seconded to adjourn.

Vote: YES: Murry, Hansen, Phillips, Russell Russell, Sparks.
NO: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

Chairperson Murry adjourned the meeting at 6:15pm.

Minutes by Dave Weide