

CITY OF ALBERT LEA
BOARD OF APPEALS
MEETING MINUTES

November 24, 2020 - 9:00 am
ZOOM

Board Members Present

Rachelle Bizjak
Colby Cunningham
Steve Guenther
Craig Hoium, Chair

Board Members Absent

Larry Baker, Ex-Officio
Rich Sydnes

Staff in Attendance

Megan Boeck, City Planner

Interested Parties

None

Board of Appeals Chair, Craig Hoium, called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

Approval of the Agenda

Guenther made a motion to approve the agenda and Cunningham seconded the motion. The agenda was approved unanimously on a voice vote.

Approval of Minutes

Guenther made a motion to approve the minutes from May 27, 2020. Cunningham seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously on a voice vote.

Staff report prepared by Megan Boeck, City Planner, is to become part of these minutes by reference.

Appeal: VA2020-002

Boeck stated that Ron Eriksmoen, property owner of 106 Ridge Road, has made application for a variance from the front setback requirement to allow for an accessory structure. Boeck also stated that the structure is a 30x30 garage to be located 29.3 ft. from the front line where a maximum setback of 60 ft. is normally required. Lastly, Boeck stated that the property slopes towards Lakewood Blvd and a large oak tree sits closer to the middle of the lot which makes expansion in the rear and side yard difficult.

Public Hearing opened at 9:27 a.m.

No comments made.

Public Hearing closed at 9:28 a.m.

Guenthner made a motion, seconded by Bizjak, to recommend to City Council the approval of a variance from the R-1 accessory structure setback of 29.3 ft. minimum lot width to allow for a 30x30 garage with the following conditions:

1. None.

The motion passed on a 4-0 voiced vote.

New Business

None

Commissioner Communications

Hoium mentioned that the Board of Appeals is in need of two more members.

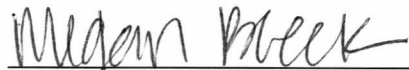
Staff Communications

None.

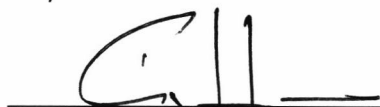
Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:32 a.m. The motion to adjourn was made by Cunningham and seconded by Guenthner. The motion to adjourn was approved unanimously on a voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Megan Boeck
City Planner



Craig Hoium
Chair, Board of Appeals