

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

MEETING MINUTES

The Polk County Board of Adjustment held a meeting on Monday, July 19, 2021, at 7:00 P.M. in Conference Room A of the Polk County Public Works Department, Planning & Development Division, 5885 NE 14th Street, Des Moines, Iowa. A virtual attendance option was also provided per the instructions contained on the final meeting agenda.

- A) Roll Call - Members Present: Paul Kruse, Mike McCoy, Ron Fisher and Kay Frye. Absent: None. Present from the Polk County Public Works Department: Bret VandeLune, Planning and Development Manager; Brian McDonough, Land Use Planning Coordinator; Chris Meeks, Planner; and Ashley Davidson, Recording Secretary. Present from the County Attorney's office was Dominic Anania. Ron Fisher was participating electronically via telephone. Dominic Anania asked Ron Fisher if there were circumstances making it impossible or impractical for him to attend the meeting in person. Fisher answered yes.
- B) Acceptance of the Minutes of the Monday, June 21, 2021 Meeting.
It was moved by McCoy and seconded by Frye, to **APPROVE** the minutes as presented.
Vote: Yea: Kruse, McCoy, Fisher and Frye. Nay: None. Absent: None
- C) Opening Statement – Chairperson Kruse gave the opening statement.
- D) Unfinished Business: None
- E) Consent Public Hearing Items – New Business:

Item 1 21/10421 Variance Appeal Application

Request by Bryan Salazar (Property Owner) for a Variance to allow a proposed accessory building to be located in front of the principal dwelling at less than the required 100-foot setback from the front property line. The request also includes a side and rear yard setback Variance to allow the proposed accessory building to be located less than the required ten (10) feet from side and rear property lines. The subject property is located at 3730 NW 117th Avenue, Polk City, Section 5 of Crocker Township.

Item 2 21/10490 Variance Appeal Application

Request by RDG Farms, LLC, represented by owner Brian Green (Property Owner) for a Variance to allow an existing accessory structure to remain located in front of the principal dwelling with greater than 150 feet of separation between the accessory structure and principal residence. The subject property is located at 8600 NW 121st Street, Grimes, Section 20 of Jefferson Township.

Item 3 21/10491 Variance Appeal Application

Request by Susan Conner (Property Owner) for a Variance to allow a proposed accessory swimming pool to observe less than the required ten (10) feet of separation from the principal dwelling. The subject property is located at 6487 SE 124th Street, Runnells, Section 36 of Camp Township.

Item 4 21/10492 Variance Appeal Application

Request by Susan Conner (Property Owner) for a Variance to allow two (2) existing accessory structures to remain located in front of the principal dwelling at less than the required 100-foot setback from the front property line. The subject property is located at 6487 SE 124th Street, Runnells, Section 36 of Camp Township.

Chairperson Kruse asked if anyone wished to move an item from Consent to the Action portion of the agenda. Hearing none, it was moved by McCoy and seconded by Frye to **APPROVE** the Consent Agenda Public Hearing items, including Item 1 – 21/10421, Item 2 – 21/10490, Item 3 – 21/10491, and Item 4 – 21/10492 in accordance with staff's recommendations.

Vote: Yea: McCoy, Kruse, Fisher and Frye. Nay: None. Absent: None

F) Action Public Hearing Items – New Business:

Item 1 21/10486 Variance Appeal Application

Request by Roger Godron (Property Owner) for a front and side yard setback Variance for a proposed addition to an existing single-family dwelling. The subject property is located at 3061 NW 73rd Lane, Ankeny, Section 32 of Crocker Township.

Brian McDonough gave the staff presentation.

Let the record show that seventeen (17) notices were mailed, with four (4) responses received in opposition, and one (1) response received in support, of the Variance Appeal Application.

Let the record show that Roger Godron of 3061 NW 73rd Ln, Ankeny, was present to represent this application.

Let the record show that Steve Boers, 3071 NW 73rd Ln, Ankeny; Lisa Escherich, 2951 NW 73rd Ln, Ankeny; and Beverly Holsinger, 7324 NW 28th St, Ankeny, were present to speak in opposition of the Variance Appeal Application.

A motion was made by McCoy and seconded by Kruse to **APPROVE** Docket #21/10486 in accordance with staff's recommendation.

Vote: Yea: Kruse, McCoy, Fisher and Frye. Nay: None. Absent: None

G) Communications/Discussion Items – Bret VandeLune stated that Polk County Public Works is continuing work on the 2050 Comprehensive Plan and updating County Ordinances. Bret VandeLune also spoke briefly in regards to the ongoing NE 14th Street (Hwy 69) widening project.

H) Zoning Administrator Report – None.

I) Adjournment

A motion was made by Frye and seconded by Kruse to adjourn until the next regularly scheduled Board of Adjustment Meeting on August 16, 2021.

Vote: Yea: Kruse, McCoy, Fisher and Frye. Nay: None. Absent: None