The Polk County Board of Adjustment held a meeting on Monday, August 16, 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, and Kay Frye. Absent: Ron Fisher. Present from the Polk County Public Works Department: Bret VandeLune, Planning and Development Manager; Brian McDonough, Land Use Planning Coordinator; Jennifer Ellison, Planner; and Ashley Davidson, Recording Secretary. Present from the County Attorney’s office was Dominic Anania.

B) Acceptance of the Minutes of the Monday, July 19, 2021 Meeting.

It was moved by McCoy and seconded by Frye, to APPROVE the minutes as presented.


C) Opening Statement – Chairperson Kruse gave the opening statement.

D) Unfinished Business: None

E) Consent Public Hearing Items – New Business:

Item 1 21/10554 Variance Appeal Application

Request by Kory Gustafson (Property Owner) for a Variance to allow a proposed accessory swimming pool and pool deck to be located one (1) foot from the principal structure in lieu of the minimum required ten (10) feet of separation. The subject property is located at 3502 NW 80th Lane, Ankeny, Section 29 of Crocker Township.

Let the record show that Ron Fisher joined electronically via telephone at 7:07 PM.

It was moved by McCoy and seconded by Frye to APPROVE the Consent Agenda Public Hearing item in accordance with staff’s recommendation.

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

F) Action Public Hearing Items – New Business:

Item 1 21/10656 Variance Appeal Application

Request by Byron Hemingson (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 front setback. The subject property is located at 8538 SE 13th Avenue, Runnells, Section 7 of Camp Township.

Brian McDonough informed the Board of Adjustment Members that the appellant requested this appeal application be withdrawn from consideration earlier in the day.
A motion was made by McCoy and seconded by Frye to accept the withdrawal request for Docket Number 21/10656.

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

G) Communications/Discussion Items – None
H) Zoning Administrator Report – None.
I) Adjournment

A motion was made by Frye and seconded by McCoy to adjourn until the next regularly scheduled Board of Adjustment Meeting.

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