



Sibley County Zoning

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**Sibley County
Planning & Zoning Commission/Board of Adjustment
Public Hearing Minutes
July 6, 2020**

The Sibley County Board of Adjustment convened via conference call due to COVID-19 concerns on Monday, July 6, 2020 at 6 p.m. pursuant to notice given as required by law.

Members of the Board of Adjustment Present: Mike Mueller, Marlin Rose, Darrel Mosel

Members of the Board of Adjustment Absent: None

Also Present: Laura Hacker, County Assessor; David Schauer, County Attorney; Geoff Beranek, Property Assessing and Zoning

Guests Present: Jim Baumann, Faxon Township Planning and Zoning; Applicant Matt Schulenberg, Applicant John Stepien, Applicant Ron & Judy Hoff/Marc Juergens, Applicant Nick Melsha, Tara McConnell, Faxon Township; Joe Scheffle, Mark Pauly

The meeting was called to order and roll call was taken.

Board of Adjustment meeting minutes from May 4, 2020 were approved. Motion made by Marlin Rose, second by Mike Mueller and passed unanimously.

Geoff Beranek introduced Variance #473 application submitted by Nick Melsha for a reduction to the rear yard setback.

Nick Melsha explained the current layout of his property and the placement existing structures and stated the Township and City of Arlington had viewed the property.

The public hearing was opened, no comments were made and the public hearing was closed.

Geoff Beranek read the findings. All findings were found to be met.

Mike Mueller made a motion to approve Variance #473, second by Marlin Rose and passed unanimously via roll call vote.



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Darrel Mosel joined the meeting.

Geoff Beranek introduced Variance #474 application submitted by Matthew Schulenberg to reduce the rear yard setback.

Matthew Schulenberg explained the reasons for requesting a variance.

Public hearing was opened.

Mark Pauly commented on concerns of stormwater runoff from the shed in regards to the property to the South.

Geoff Beranek clarified the setback was to the rear yard and the side yard setback requirements would be met.

Matthew Schulenberg commented he would gutter the shed and hook to an existing tile line in the rear and/or front of the property.

Public hearing was closed.

Geoff Beranek read the findings. All findings were found to be met.

Marlin Rose made a motion to approve Variance #474, second by Mike Mueller and passed unanimously via roll call vote.

Geoff Beranek introduced Variance #475 application submitted by Ron and Judy Hoff for the expansion of a nonconforming structure.

Judy Hoff explained their reasoning for needing the variance.

The public hearing was opened.

Jim Baumann commented he had reviewed the site and the township had no concerns and the addition would stay within the existing footprint of the deck being replaced.

Marc Juergens commented the addition would not be any closer to the top of the bluff than the existing deck that is being replaced.



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Geoff Beranek asked about the level of excavation involved with the project.

Marc Juergens responded the excavation would be minimal as it will only require piers to be brought to ground level.

Geoff Beranek asked what distance the house currently sits at from the top of the bluff.

Marc Juergens responded the proposed porch would be approximately 25 feet from the top of the bluff.

The public hearing was closed.

Geoff Beranek read the findings. All findings were found to be met.

Mike Mueller made a motion to approve Variance #475, second by Darrel Mosel and passed unanimously via roll call vote.

Geoff Beranek introduced Variance #476 application submitted by John Stepien to allow for the expansion nonconforming structure.

John Stepien added the expansion would be moving away from the setback the house currently infringes upon and the structures they would be replacing.

The public hearing was opened.

Geoff Beranek stated Arlington Township did recommend approval.

The public hearing was closed.

Geoff Beranek read the findings. All findings were found to be met.

Mike Mueller made a motion to approve Variance #476, second by Darrel Mosel and passed unanimously via roll call vote.

Geoff Beranek gave a staff update.



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A motion to adjourn was made by Mike Mueller, second by Darrel Mosel and passed unanimously via roll call vote.

Meeting adjourned at 6:33pm.

Attest:

Markus Pine
Board of Adjustment, Chair

8-3-2020
Date