

CITY OF WEST OKOBOJI
BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT MEETING
CITY HALL
November 2, 2023 – 4:30 p.m.

Presiding **Kris Kneen**
Member Present **Jeanne Sieh (phone), Chuck Krumme (Zoom), Jill Freed**
Member Absent **Judy Haviland**
Others Present **Carol Chicoine, Steven Hallgren, Dave Kuker, Peggy Kuker, Dan Dykstra,**
Eva Shine, Kevin Schammel, Suzie Wilmont, Sharon Chism

Chair Kris Kneen called the meeting to order at 4:30 P.M. Kneen/Sieh moved to adopt the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried. Kneen/Sieh moved to table minutes from October 26, 2023. All ayes. Motion carried.

Board to conduct a public hearing to consider a variance request submitted by Dave and Peggy Kuker, 1416 4th Street, West Okoboji, IA at 4:32 p.m.

Chair Kneen began the discussion by explaining that the proposed deck/balcony and stair reconstruction does not comply with the minimum setback requirements of 25 feet, it sits 22 feet from property line. Discussion was had between board members Public Hearing Closed 4:43. Chair Kneen Chair Kneen made a motion to deny the variance and suggested to relocate stairs to the west or the north of the building to conform with setback regulations. Seconded by Freed. Roll Call Vote. Kneen aye, Freed aye, Sieh aye, Haviland Absent, Krumme Aye. Motion Carried

Board to conduct a public hearing to consider a variance request submitted by the City of West Okoboji for public improvements t Terrace Park Beach located along Okoboji Boulevard on the south side of West Okoboji Lake at 4:46 p.m.

Chair Kneen began the discussion by explaining that the proposed pergola shelter, the entrance sign, and seating wall/planters will encroach into the minimum required rear yard setback (the street side setback) in accordance with the Conservation Zoning District. Steve Hallgren, City Zoning and Code Enforcement, spoke of the Hardship for the city was because it was its unique geographic size and shape of lot. Eva Shine spoke of her speaking up in the public meetings of the sign blocking her view from her residence of the lake. Also read an email from Carolyn Jensen on how they agree with the sign not being put up where the city has it placed. Public Hearing closed at 5:25 p.m. Chair Kneen moved to modify the variance due to public interest with approving the pergola and the seating wall/planters except in front of Eva Shine’s house and Carolyn and Layton Jensen 1600 Kirkwood Avenue and to deny the location sign. Second Krumme, Roll Call Vote. Kneen aye, Freed aye, Sieh nay, Haviland Absent, Krumme Aye. Motion Carried. Kneen recommended to come back with a modification not contradicting public interest.

Kneen/Sieh moved to adjourn at 5:50 P.M.