

CITY OF WEST OKOBOJI
BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT MEETING
CITY HALL
October 26, 2023 – 4:00 p.m.

Presiding **Kris Kneen**
Member Present **Judy Haviland, Jeanne Sieh, Chuck Krumme, Jill Freed**
Member Absent
Others Present **Carol Chicoine, Steven Hallgren, Darlene Powers, Dave Fini, Alan Mores,**
Chris LaRue, James Watson

Chair Kris Kneen called the meeting to order at 4:30 P.M. Kneen/Haviland moved to adopt the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried. Kneen/Freed moved to approve previous minutes from June 14, 2023. All ayes. Motion carried.

Board to conduct a public hearing to consider a variance request submitted by David and Kelly Fini, 3106 Okoboji Blvd, West Okoboji, IA at 4:32 p.m.

Chair Kneen began the discussion by explaining that Mr. Fini 6-foot-tall privacy fence along the northwest side property line along his fence line. The fence would encroach the lakeshore front yard area. The variance is to the requirements in Section 10.8, specifically part 2 for encroachment of a fence into the front yard beyond the line of sight in the LR Lakeshore Residential district. A letter was given to the board from Alan Mores from the Jones Beach Executive Committee member with the recommendation of allowing Fini's to install the fence and along with Jim Watson verbalizing his approval too due to the safety and liability concerns hoping the fence would deter access from the public campground and to add an obstacle from crossing by Fini's property by trespassers.

Discussion was had between board members Public Hearing Closed 4:23. Chair Kneen Chair Kneen made a motion to approve the fence because of exceptional circumstances due to safety due to #1 property is on the edge of city limits, #2 the property butts up to public property, #3 crime has occurred in the area, #4 unanimous support from Jones Beach Residents, and #5 due to Drought Conditions makes a walking path, when not drought conditions water would be obstructing path. Seconded by Krumme. Roll Call Vote. Kneen aye, Freed Nay, Sieh Nay, Haviland Aye, Krumme Aye. Motion Carried with condition of more deterrent visible signage on backside of fence, i.e. No Trespassing, Security Cameras, Private Property.

Kneen/Haviland moved to adjourn at 5:30 P.M.