

MINUTES
PORTAGE COUNTY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
MAY 15, 2023

Call to Order

Chairman Jazdzewski called the Portage County Board of Adjustment (BOA) to order at 4:10 pm in Conference Room 5, County Annex, Stevens Point, Wisconsin.

Roll Call

Winkelman called the roll. Members present included John Jazdzewski, Rick Duerr, Dennis Meis, James Garbe, and James Hopp. Members excused were Mike Pagel (Alternate) and Jason Pingel (Alternate).

Staff present included Chris Mrdutt, Emmett Simkowski, and Nicole Winkelman, Planning and Zoning Department.

Pledge Allegiance to the Flag

Garbe led the Pledge.

Board of Adjustment Procedures

Jazdzewski explained the meeting was properly advertised by a class 2 notice in the local newspaper and explained the functions of the BOA by reading the Portage County BOA Function Introduction.

Jazdzewski stated testimony and questions should be addressed during the public hearing portion of the meeting and anyone wanting to speak should sign in at this time.

Reconsideration and Decisions

Brandon Stampfli-Owner (PET 21-06)

Mrdutt explained that if a reconsideration is approved the petition would go back to the town for their decision first.

Garbe motioned to deny the request to reconsider; no second; motion failed.

Motion by Hopp to approve the reconsideration; motion seconded by Jazdzewski. Motion passed by voice vote, 4-1, Garbe voting nay.

Public Hearings and Decisions

Rev Ross Shecterle-Owner (PET-2023-002)

The Reverend Ross Shecterle, Owner, Variance request from the provisions of Portage County Zoning Ordinance sections 7.1.6.6(3)(b) to construct a 30-foot by 30-foot attached garage with residential bedroom space above, 6.3-feet from the Arrowhead Road right-of-way, with a 23.7-foot variance from the right of way. The required building setback from a road right-of-way is 30 feet, in the R2 Single Family Residential Zoning District, Town of New Hope, Parcel #0265515, was opened by Jazdzewski.

Mrdutt explained the request in detail, noting the constructed addition would be 6.3 feet from Arrowhead Road.

Mrdutt pointed out that in the second paragraph of his staff memo, there is a typo. The correct wording is as follows: This sheet details how the petitioner feels strict compliance with the Zoning Ordinance would be burdensome, how unique property characteristics prevent the ability to meet setbacks, and how this addition will pose **NO** negative effects to the general public.

Rev Ross Shecterle was sworn in and explained his request in detail. Jazdzewski asked if any members of the public wanted to speak on this matter. Ray Reser introduced himself as New Hope Town Board & archaeologist. Reser explained there are prehistoric burials on both sides of the parcel, along with the petitioners lot being in the middle of an archaeological site pt0106.

There being no additional members of the public wanting to speak on this matter, Jazdzewski closed testimony and opened deliberations. Garbe read the Variance Summary Fact Sheet.

Additional discussion:

- Jazdzewski would like cars parked in garage, Garbe agreed.
- Garbe was concerned the yard slopes towards the water.
- Wants the shoreline protected from any erosion.
- Stormwater permit must be obtained.

There being no further discussion, Jazdzewski closed deliberations and asked for a motion to approve, deny, or postpone the request.

Motion by Meis to approve the request as presented, with the following condition:

1. A Portage County Zoning Permit must be obtained.
2. The proposed garage addition and living quarters addition cannot be closer than 6.3 feet to the right-of-way of the Arrowhead Road cul-de-sac.
3. A Portage County Stormwater Permit must be obtained prior to the issuance of a Zoning Permit.
4. An archaeologist qualified by the U.S Department of Interior and listed on the State of Wisconsin's Archaeological Consultants list must be onsite during any excavation activities to ensure that if human bones are discovered, work must cease immediately, and the Wisconsin Historical Society must be contacted at 1-800-342-7834 or 608-264-6507. This will ensure the protection of human burial sites.

Motion to approve seconded by Garbe. Motion to approve passed 5-0 by voice vote.

Riverside Bible Conference Association/Darrie Nelson, Agent (PET-2023-004)

A Special Exception from the provisions of Portage County Zoning Ordinance section 7.1.3.5(C)(1) – 7.1.3.1(C)(19) is requested to construct a six unit campground, in the A2 Agricultural Transition Zoning District. Town of Lanark, 022221014-02. The Bible Camp is looking to construct a six-unit campground.

Mrduitt explained the request in detail, noting the floodplain was recently updated. This was rezoned to A2, Agricultural Transition. The Town of Lanark approved 6 camp sites.

Darrie Nelson, Agent, was sworn in and explained the request in detail. Lengthy discussion amongst Nelson and the Board. Nelson was excused.

Jazdzewski asked if any other members of the public wanted to speak on this matter; it was noted there was none. Jazdzewski closed testimony and opened deliberations. Garbe read the Special Exception Summary Fact Sheet.

There being no further discussion, Jazdzewski closed deliberations and asked for a motion to approve, deny, or postpone the request.

Motion by Garbe to approve the request as presented, with the following condition:

1. A Portage County Zoning Permit must be obtained.
2. A maximum of six campsites can be developed.
3. A Portage County Sanitary Permit must be obtained prior to the issuance of a Zoning Permit.
4. A Portage County Stormwater Permit must be obtained prior to the issuance of a Zoning Permit.
5. All lights must be downcast and cannot illuminate County Road DD or neighboring lots.
6. All licenses issued by the Portage County Health and Human Services for a campground must be on file with the Planning and Zoning Department.
7. The campground is not open to the general public.

Motion to approve seconded by Duerr. Motion to approve passed 5-0 by voice vote.

Approval of Minutes from April 17, 2023

Meis moved to approve the minutes of April 17, 2023, as provided; Jazdzewski seconded. There being no discussion, motion to approve passed 5-0 by voice vote.

Discussion/Possible Action Regarding Special Meetings (Portage County Ordinance 3.1.47 & 3.1.48)

- Request for Special Meeting Attendance - None
- Approval of Attendance of Special Meetings - None
- Special Meeting Attendance Reports - None

Correspondence/Updates from Staff

- There are currently no requests for June.

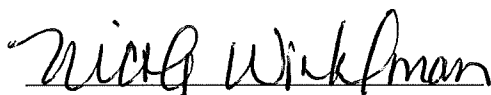
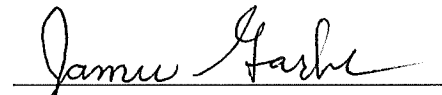
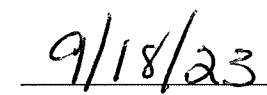
Next Meeting Date

June 19, 2023

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Hopp, second by Meis. Motion passed by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 5:16p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

		
Nicole Winkelman, Recording Secretary	James Garbe, BOA Secretary	Date of Approval