

Board of Adjustment Meeting Minutes – July 7, 2023

The Muscatine County Board of Adjustment met in the Board of Supervisors Office on Friday, July 7, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

Present: Charles Clark, Tom Harper, Carol Schlueter, Janelle Spies (Chairperson)

Absent: Emily Geertz (Vice Chairperson)

Staff Present: Eric Furnas, Morgan Othmer

Others present for this meeting included: Joseph & Autumn Harris and Jake Steele

- Janelle read the Mission Statement.

- Approval of the June 2, 2023 meeting minutes.
 - A motion was made by Carol Schlueter to approve the June 2, 2023 meeting minutes and was seconded by Tom Harper.
 - Aye's: Charles Clark, Tom Harper, Carol Schlueter, Janelle Spies
 - Opposed: None
 - Motion approved.

- Case #23-06-01
 - Jake Steele, Nextlink Representative, made a statement requesting a Special Use Permit in order to place a 120' mono pole for high speed wireless internet on the property. Mr. Steele explained that there is plenty of space on the property to place the pole and there is an existing power source nearby.
 - This was followed by a questions and comments session.
 - Eric Furnas explained that the proposed tower will meet the minimum separation distance of 1.1 times the tower height and that Nextlink has provided information on the fencing for around the tower and a decommissioning affidavit.
 - Mr. Steele explained that the tower will be a metal pole that is 2 feet in diameter.
 - A motion was made by Tom Harper to grant the Special Use Permit to allow the placement of a 120' mono pole for high speed wireless internet on the property for commercial use and was seconded by Carol Schlueter.
 - Aye's: Charles Clark, Tom Harper, Carol Schlueter, Janelle Spies
 - Opposed: None
 - Motion approved.

- Case #23-07-01

- Eric Furnas clarified that the original application requested to be within 40 feet of the front property line. There was some confusion on where the measurements should be taken from and the request should be adjusted to build within approximately 17.7 feet of the front property line.
 - Autumn Harris, applicant, made a statement requesting a Variance in order to extend the front porch on the home by 2 feet, approximately 17.5 feet from the front property line. The current front porch is very narrow and needs replaced due to rotting. The new porch will need to have a hand rail to comply with zoning requirements. Mr. & Mrs. Harris would like to extend the porch by 2 feet to allow for space to place furniture and still move around.
 - This was followed by a questions and comments session.
 - Eric Furnas explained that he spoke with the County Engineer about the extension. The County Engineer did not have any concerns about it being affected by future road right of way work. The extended porch will not change the characteristics of surrounding property. He also explained that the porch will not obstruct any views on Burlington Road.
 - A motion was made by Carol Schlueter to issue the Variance in order to allow the front porch to be extended to within 17 feet of the front property line and was seconded by Charles Clark.
 - Aye's: Charles Clark, Tom Harper, Carol Schlueter, Janelle Spies
 - Opposed: None
 - Motion approved.
- The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

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