Meeting Minutes

Forest County Board of Adjustment

Tuesday, July 29, 2014

1. The call to order was made by Chairman Ron Tschohl on Tuesday, July 29, 2014 at 9:45 in the Freedom town hall. The roll was called. Ron Tschohl, Harry Thurin and alternate Jim Drefahl were present. ZA Pam LaBine was there to act as clerk. Applicant Samuel Rasmussen was present with his father.
2. Motion by Jim Drefahl to approve the agenda, second by Harry Thurin, all in favor, motion approved.
3. Motion by Jim Drefahl to approve the minutes of the last meeting, second by Harry Thurin, all in favor, motion approved.
4. The ZA confirmed compliance with the open meetings regulations and it is attached.
5. The Chairman placed no time limits on any speaker.
6. Motion by Harry Thurin to open the public hearing, second by Jim Drefahl, all in favor, motion approved.
7. The ZA read the application.
8. Samuel Rasmussen made the following statement; He would like to build closer to the road because there is a very steep hill behind his garage site. If he started removing dirt there would be no way to stop erosion and many trees would have to be taken out that hold the hill in right now. He needs a good sized garage and workspace. The old garage would come down and the old sanitary system would be filled in. the is a well there but if it’s good he might want to use it. The new garage is 33 feet from the c/l of the road where the old garage is right on the road. In the winter the snowplow piles up snow so you can’t see the windows.
9. ZA said it would be safer for snowplowing and access to the town road with the new garage. The hill is steep and would be hard to control erosion and washout when cut into. Abandoning the old sanitary system is good. There are no objections from Staff.
10. There was no related correspondence.
11. There was no ex-parte communications.
12. There were no witnesses.
13. Staff had no further questions.
14. There were no final questions.
15. Motion by Jim Drefahl to close the public hearing, second by Harry Thurin, all in favor, motion approved.
16. The committee discussed the request of Samuel Rasmussen. Harry Thurin said the hill was too steep to try cutting into it and then repairing it. Jim Drefahl said it would be good to get that old sanitary system filled in. Ron Tschohl said demolishing the old garage would give better line of sight for cars and snowplowing would be much easier for the town.
17. Motion by Jim Drefahl to approve the request of Samuel Rasmussen to build his garage 33 feet from the centerline of the town road, second by Harry Thurin, all in favor, motion approved.
18. Motion to adjourn by Jim Drefahl, second by Harry Thurin, all in favor, motion approved.

Submitted by:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_7/29/14