Meeting Minutes

Forest County Board of Adjustment

Friday, August 21st, 2015

Room 107 Forest County Courthouse

1. The roll was called by Chairman Ron Tschohl. Present were Ron Tschohl, Chairman, harry Thurin, Jim Drefahl, ZA Pam LaBine, applicant Kathy Bruenning and Mark Ferris.
2. Motion by Jim Drefahl to approve the agenda for the tabled hearing, second by harry Thurin, all in favor, motion approved.
3. Motion by Jim Drefahl to lay over the approval of the last minutes, second by Harry Thurin, all in favor, motion approved.
4. ZA confirmed compliance with the open meeting requirements.
5. There was no time limit for any speaker set by the Chairman.
6. Motion by harry Thurin to continue with the public hearing, second by Jim Drefahl, all in favor, motion approved.
7. Chairman Tschohl asked to see the maps ZA found regarding the surrounding properties. ZA said the lot in question was divided illegally without a CSM in 2003. She had talked with the surveyor, Ostreiker, and he said there was a drafting error as it was done without benefit of a surveyor. The Holland lot doesn’t go across the street.
8. There were no additional statements from the applicant.
9. Motion by Harry Thurin to close the public hearing, second by Jim Drefahl, all in favor, motion approved.
10. Motion by Jim Drefahl to go into closed session and make the minutes public, second by Harry Thurin, all in favor, motion approved.
11. Deliberations; Harry Thurin said they would have to get certified surveys if the lots were reconfigured. Jim Drefahl said the Bruennings have 164 feet and the Hollands have 108 feet. If we move 27 feet of the Bruenning lot to the Holland lot, each would have 18,400 or two substandard lots. By evening out the frontage we would be supporting our tax base. Harry Thurin said that in the end we would still have two nonconforming lots. Does the neighbor need that room for sanitary. The well is on that side so it can’t be used for that. There just doesn’t seem to be any unnecessary hardship that doesn’t have to do with money.
12. Motion by Jim Drefahl to go back into open session.
13. Motion by Jim drefahl to deny the variance for lack of a clear acceptable unnecessary hardship, second by Harry Thurin, all in favor, motion approved.
14. The committee advised the applicant that she could sell anything over 20,000 square feet to the neighbor but not any more than that.
15. Motion by Harry Thurin to adjourn, second by Jim Drefahl, all in favor, motion approved.

Submitted by:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_8/31/15