

CITY OF OSKALOOSA  
BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
April 24, 2018

A regularly-scheduled meeting of the Board of Adjustment for the City of Oskaloosa was called to order at 5:10 pm on Tuesday, April 24, 2018 by board member Wyndell Campbell at the City Hall Council Chamber 220 South Market Street, Oskaloosa, Iowa.

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Wyndell Campbell, Scott Moore and Cody Landgrebe.

CITY STAFF PRESENT: Mike Flahive and Becky Gatton.

OTHERS PRESENT: Mike Sereg and Jennifer Barnes.

Minutes from the January 23, 2018 Board of Adjustment meeting.

It was moved by Moore, second by Landgrebe to approve the January 23, 2018 Board of Adjustment Commission minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Citizens to be heard

None.

Consider a request for a variance from the allowed minimum setbacks and minimum square footage for the property located at 510 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave East

Campbell opened the public hearing on the variance and asked Sereg to explain why the request for the variance was necessary. Sereg explained that the variance was necessary in order for him to build a new single family home on the lot. Sereg went on to explain how he was trying to improve the neighborhood and that the new home to be built would increase the tax base.

Flahive stated that an average distance was calculated for the front setback from the property line to the front of the house for every house two hundred feet in each direction East and West and that the average distance was seventeen feet.

Moore asked if the house could be pushed back five feet to allow for the minimum front yard setback requirement. Sereg stated that the rear yard is already going to be small and that it would decrease the size of the rear yard even further.

Campbell asked if there was anyone from the public that would like to discuss the variance. Jennifer Barnes was present and stated that she lives directly West of the property and had a concern with the alley side yard setback. Sereg explained that the alley side yard setback would still meet the minimum five foot setback as required by code. Barnes was satisfied with the information and had no further concerns.

Landgrebe made a motion to approve the front yard and interior yard setback, second by Moore. After further discussion, the commission was made aware that a motion was also necessary to approve the variance for the square footage of the lot. Landgrebe modified the motion to include the variance for the square footage as well, second by Moore.

On motion by Landgrebe, second by Moore, the Board of Adjustment approved the variance request as presented. Vote: Yes: Campbell, Moore and Landgrebe. No: None; Abstain: None; Motion passed unanimously.

Other business: Landgrebe spoke in regards to the current attendance policy for all committees. Moore asked what an attendance policy might look like for the board. After further discussion Campbell spoke in favor of adding the topic to the agenda for the next scheduled Board of Adjustment meeting. The commission also discussed voting for a vice chairperson during the next meeting. Campbell spoke in favor of adding the topic to the agenda for the next scheduled Board of Adjustment meeting.

With no further business, Moore made a motion and seconded by Campbell to adjourn the meeting at 5:27 PM.

Minutes by: Mike Flahive