



Board of Appeals

335 South Broadway

De Pere, WI 54115

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Regular Meeting

Final Minutes

Monday, February 24, 2014

4:45 PM

De Pere City Hall Council Chambers

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:50 PM by Board Member Thomas Keidatz

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
John Fairchild	Board Member	Excused	
Bob De Groot	Board Member	Present	
Thomas Keidatz	Board Member	Present	
Jason Peebles	Board Member	Present	
Alice Schipper	Board Member	Present	
William Vande Hei	Board Member	Present	

Also present: Building Inspector David Hongisto and members of the public.

2. Approval of the minutes of the November 11, 2013 Board of Appeals meeting.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jason Peebles, Board Member
SECONDER:	Alice Schipper, Board Member
AYES:	De Groot, Keidatz, Peebles, Schipper, Vande Hei
EXCUSED:	John Fairchild

3. Request submitted by Donald Jr. & Julie Long, 225 Nicolet Place, De Pere, Wisconsin to construct an addition to the residence on the property located at 225 Nicolet Place, De Pere, Wisconsin which would require a ten (10) foot rear yard setback variance. Keidatz read the notice of public hearing. Building Inspector Hongisto reviewed the variance request, and reported that the neighbors have provided written documentation indicating that they have no objections to the variance. Owner Donald Long Jr. then addressed the board via telephone conference call and explained the project. The board unanimously approved the variance request. Keidatz noted that based upon the evidence, granting the request will not be detrimental to the neighborhood and will not impede any sight lines. The property owner must obtain the necessary permits and construction must commence within six months.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
AYES:	De Groot, Keidatz, Peebles, Schipper, Vande Hei
EXCUSED:	John Fairchild

4. Request submitted by Michael Hartmann, 923 Georgia Drive, De Pere, Wisconsin to construct an underground storage cave and lounge on the property located at 1106 Fox River Drive, De Pere, Wisconsin which would require a thirty (30) foot corner side yard setback variance and a 260 square foot size variance. Keidatz read the notice of public hearing and reported that the neighbors have provided written documentation indicating they have no objections to the variances. Building Inspector Hongisto reviewed the variance requests. The original proposal was tabled in November; the petitioner is now back before the board with a revised site plan. The boathouse has been eliminated, and the plan for the storage cave with a south side lounge area has been redesigned. The homeowners are proposing to cut the north wall down two feet to accommodate neighbors' sight lines. Owner Michael Hartmann addressed the board. He stated that he met with neighbors on both sides of the property and they had a

dialogue about their concerns with the original proposal. The Hartmanns then met with their architect to revise the plan. They moved everything away from the shore to minimize visual impact. They feel they have come up with a solution that benefits everyone, and they are happier with this option than with the original plan. Discussion followed regarding fence height and style, as well as preservation of trees that had been a concern. The board voted unanimously to approve the variance requests, with the stipulation that the fence type must remain see-through. Keidatz noted that based upon the evidence, the variance requests as outlined meet statutory requirements, do not detract from the neighborhood, and do not unnecessarily impinge on the neighbors' views. The property owners must obtain the necessary permits and construction must commence within six months.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
AYES:	De Groot, Keidatz, Peebles, Schipper, Vande Hei
EXCUSED:	John Fairchild

Adjournment

Motion was made by Keidatz, seconded by Vande Hei, to adjourn the meeting at 5:15 p.m. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Carey Danen