

**CITY OF IRON RIVER
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, August 21, 2019
1:30 PM
Minutes**

Mayor Terry Tarsi called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers of the Iron River City Hall.

Roll Call: Rodney Dood, Jere Fritsche, Tricia Mercier, Dennis Powell and Tarsi.

Absent: None.

Also present: Manager David Thayer, and Clerk Rachel Andreski.

Public in attendance: Wayne Thibodeau, Victoria Powell, Jackie Safford, Roger Zanon, Adam Stender (WIKB), Cindy Soderbloom (1:36 p.m.), JD Flood (1:42 p.m.), Brad Shelgren and Nick Grabowski (1:47 p.m.) Chris Piette (1:48 p.m.), Mike Wodzinski and Al Silven (1:50 p.m.).

APPROVE MINUTES:

Mercier moved Dood seconded to approve the February 22, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes and November 28, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes. All in favor; Motion carried.

Roger Zanon – Side Yard Set-Back Variance Request: Tarsi asked for public comment. Jackie Safford of 1213 3rd Avenue said she received her notice in the mail but doesn't know the location. Zanon explained there is an easement for the current driveway next to her garage. The new construction would be 25' behind her garage.

Mercier asked Zanon why couldn't he build the garage in accordance with our zoning regulations. Thayer stated he wanted to make it wider than what our regulations allow. Mercier said our ordinance states you can't build an accessory building without a primary structure so why is this being considered? Thayer stated that will go before the Planning Commission. Mercier said variances are the last thing we want to allow. Fritsche explained the property is narrow, but he could build within the limitations, but he chooses not to.

Mercier is concerned we are setting a precedence and will send a message for all to come and break our laws. Tarsi said it is a precedence, however, it is a right and we want to also create growth and taxable value to help keep our City moving forward.

Thayer added that an additional 10 acres is looking to be purchased by Zanon, which wouldn't make this an issue.

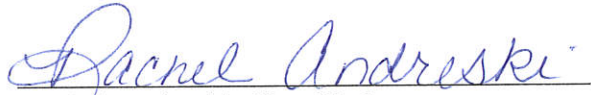
Powell moved, Dood seconded to approve the side yard set-back variance request by Zanon. Fritsche stated that there are four (4) tests that have to be passed before it goes to a vote. He added we should have a chair, a vice-chair and bylaws, which we don't. Thayer said the test Fritsche is referring to is an exercise that can be gone through to help determine a variance request but isn't a pre-requisite.

Zanon said they are requesting the variance so they can drive to the back side of the garage. There being no further discussion, Tarsi requested a roll call vote.

Roll Call: Ayes-2: Dood and Powell. Nays – 3: Fritsche, Mercier and Tarsi. Motion failed.

ADJOURNMENT

Mercier moved to adjourn at 1:53 p.m. Dood seconded. All in favor; Motion carried.



Rachel Andreski, City Clerk