

Minutes of the Marion County Board of Adjustments
July 20, 2021

The Marion County Board of Adjustments met at 3014 E. Main St., Knoxville, Marion County Office Building on July 20, 2021, at 5p.m. Online attendance was available from the agenda on the Marion County website.

Attendees of the virtual meeting were Jan Szlachetka, Danielle Huffine, Loren Van Wyk, Michael Kacmarynski and Dale Miller.

Property owners Troy White and Kathleen Lee-White were present.

Chairperson Huffine called for a motion to approve the minutes from March 23, 2021. Miller made a motion to approve and Szlachetka seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

Huffine yes

Szlachetka yes

Van Wyk

Miller yes

Kacmarynski abstained

Petition 79877 – Troy White and Kathleen Lee-White were present requesting a 15-foot front yard variance to build a garage 20 feet from the property line on the existing concrete installed by the previous owner. The property address is 493 129th Pl., Otley. (Legal is Lot 10 Vander Linden Subdivision 24-77-20-Parcel 2177907500)

The existing concrete is 30 feet from the right of way currently and the White's would like to build a 40' x 40' detached garage so they need to expand the concrete.

Poffenbarger explains there are various obstacles trying to place the garage in other locations on the lot. The location of the septic, the fall of the lot, the location of the lp tank and the design of the house and current garage do not allow it to be easily added on to. White's goal is to have a garage as close to the house and existing garage as possible since extending the current one is not feasible.

Tyler Vander Linden, developer of the subdivision stated in a letter supplied to Marion County at this time he has no plans to further develop the rest of the subdivision. There are currently only two homes in the ten-lot subdivision.

Poffenbarger explained the road within the subdivision is a private 60-foot road. Although the road is platted as a through road from Dubuque to Highway 14 currently it is a one lane road that dead ends after lot 9.

The County Engineer stated he had no concerns with the request since this was a private road; however, whenever variances are granted encroaching on the roads the probability of the private road ever becoming a public road is less likely. Poffenbarger stated a 60-foot road with two houses probably was not high on the list to become a county road.

Poffenbarger explained Marion County heard from two of the neighbors notified and they were in support of the request.

After the board clarified a few questions with White's Huffine called for a motion on Petition 79877. Szlachetka made the motion and Kacmarynski seconded the motion.

Huffine yes

Szlachetka yes

Miller yes

Kacmarynski yes

Van Wyk yes

Huffine called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kacmarynski made the motion and Szlachetka seconded the motion. All in favor; meeting adjourned.

Minutes by: Melissa Poffenbarger

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