

City of Coopersville
Zoning Board of Appeals

July 10, 2012

Chairman Todd Adams called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Present Commissioners: Todd Adams Aaron Konn
 Larry Longstreth James Ward
 Craig Wheeler

Absent Commissioners: None

CITIZENS COMMENTS None

PUBLIC HEARING

Motion by member Ward with support from member Wheeler to open the public hearing at 6:01 P.M. to hear comments regarding the variance request from Kirk Barkel, 856 East Street to exceed the allowable square footage for an addition to his existing attached garage. Motion carried.

Mr. Barkel was present to discuss the reasons for his request. He stated that he spends half of his time in a wheelchair. Mr. Barkel also stated that he works on old motorcycles and musical equipment as a hobby in his garage and he also has a classic car that he stores as well. Mr. Barkel was requesting the variance because he needs more space in order to store all the items he has and also to be able to get the items he has stored in his father's garage brought back to his property. Mr. Barkel also stated that the addition would improve his property.

Chairman Adams stated that the Zoning Board of Appeals does not look at variance requests from a property value or property improvement standpoint they are looking for reasons that would constitute a hardship case caused by the City in order to approve the variance request.

Chairman Adams also explained the list of criteria that an applicant for a variance must meet in order for a variance to be approved which was followed by member Ward's comments regarding the same.

Chairman Adams also suggested different options for more storage space for Mr. Barkel such as removing his shed and building an unattached garage or building on his property, or adding on to the home.

Mr. Barkel stated that he was not going to remove the shed or add additional space onto the home. Mr. Barkel left the meeting very upset before the public hearing was even closed.

Motion by member Ward with second by member Konn to close the public hearing at 6:20 P.M. Motion carried.

Discussion/Action

Motion by member Ward with support by member Longstreth to deny the variance request for Kirk Barkel, 856 East Street. Motion carried. All-Ayes.

ADJOURN

Motion by member Ward with support by member Wheeler to adjourn meeting. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:36 P.M.

Todd Adams, Chairman