

City of Reedsburg
Zoning Board of Appeals Minutes
May 17, 2022

Present: Nathan Johnson, Richard Braun, Pat Andera, Walter Luepke
Absent: Charlie Brumer
Others: Tim Becker, Brian Duvalle, Catherine Anderson, Troy Mleziva, Matthew Lepke

Chair Nathan Johnson called the meeting to order at 12:03 PM.

Motion by Luepke, seconded by Braun to approve the minutes from the December 21, 2021 meeting.

Motion approved 4-0

Consider zoning variance per § 690-46(G) to exceed the required number of four chickens to have up to 20. – 2337 Myrtle St; Parcel #276-2515-06100 – Catherine Anderson

Catherine Anderson spoke that they are looking for up 12-15 chickens for use in baking and to save money. The run area would either be 15' X 15' or 10' X 20' and be moved on a weekly or every other week basis so as not to damage the lawn. The run and coop would also be contained near the current detached garage area. Neighbors Don Wagner and Stacey Harms-Wagner each submitted emails opposed to the variance request. Discussion held on conditions that could be placed on a possible approval, such as number of chickens and timeframe. Anderson stated that she does not want to invest 1000s of dollars without a guarantee that she will be approved long-term

Duvalle stated that chickens were discussed at many Plan Commission meetings before the ordinance was adopted. Administrator Tim Becker spoke that having up to four chickens is more of a hobby, and that four was a number that was selected because it was common thru similar reviewed ordinances. He added that having 12-15 chickens is more of a business and could harm future economic development prospects. Anderson stated that based on the Board's discussion and opposition from neighbors, she could withdraw request.

Moved by Luepke, seconded by Andera to deny zoning variance request as presented.

Motion carried 3-1 (Braun voted Nay)

Consider zoning variance per § 690-Article XXI to exceed the number and size of ground and wall signs (Kwik Trip). – 1690 E Main St; Parcel #276-2218-00000 – Trent Kastenschmidt

Although not precedent setting, Duvalle stated that this is a similar request to Casey's in 2018. Kwik Trip would like to exceed the maximum ground sign by 49 square feet. The sign would not exceed the airport height limits. They also want to add eight wall signs to the building and gas pump canopy which would exceed the square footage of the wall signs allowed by about 20 square feet. The City Plan Commission has approved the site design minus the signage request. The applicant submitted a written narrative on their hardships such as the need for gas prices and canopies.

Moved by Andera, seconded by Braun to approve the variance as presented on the sign application/plans.

Motion approved 4-0

Moved by Braun, seconded by Luepke to adjourn the meeting at 12:33 PM.

Motion approved 4-0

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Strutz
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer