

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT - Harlan, Iowa - June 16, 2023

The Board of Adjustment of the City of Harlan met pursuant to the law and the rules of said Board in special session in the Council Chambers in City Hall at Noon on the 16th day of June 2023. Chairman Al Ickes called the meeting to order, and the following members were:

Present: Doug Hammer, Al Ickes, Jennifer Kelly(present via phone)

Absent: Mike Christensen, Ruthanne Grimsley

Also Present: Board Secretary Jennifer Malone, Building Inspector Roger Bissen, Doug & Michelle Goecke.

Chairman Al Ickes presented the agenda. It was moved by Hammer and seconded by Kelly to approve the agenda. Roll call vote: AYES: Hammer, Ickes, Kelly. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Chairman Ickes asked that any conflicts of interest be stated. None were stated.

It was moved by Hammer and seconded by Kelly to approve the minutes from the 05/18/2023 meeting. Roll call vote: AYES: Hammer, Ickes, Kelly. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Ickes announced that this was the date, time, and place for the public hearing regarding:

- a. **CASE BA2023-005** – an application from Douglas Goecke, 3001 Country Club View, for a 6ft fence variance in zone R-1

Motion to open meeting by Hammer and seconded by Kelly. Roll call vote: AYES: Hammer, Ickes, Kelly. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

No written or oral objections were received @ the City Hall.

Petitioner: Douglas Goecke was present and advised that their dog Tuffy would be able to jump over the 4' fence. They have many pedestrians who walk by and would hate to have their dog jumping over the fence. With additional plans of a gazebo and hot tub in the back yard, they would prefer a 6' privacy fence to surround the back yard. Originally, they wanted the fence to go to the sidewalk, but after speaking with HMU, they will keep the fence away from the sidewalk.

Bissen Building Inspector: reviewed R-1 corner lot zoning for front yard fences to be at a maximum height of 4 feet. While sitting at the stop sign in front of the property, line of sight would be restricted if the 6' fence were to go all the way to the sidewalk on the south side of the property.

Neighboring property owners: None present.

It was moved by Ickes and seconded by Kelly to close the public hearing. Roll call vote: AYES: Hammer, Ickes, Kelly. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Kelly and seconded by Hammer to approve the application for the 6' privacy fence with the following requirements: The 6' fence must remain minimum of 4' north of the sidewalk on the south. Roll call vote: AYES: Hammer, Ickes, Kelly. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Jennifer M. Malone

Jennifer Malone, Secretary

Al Ickes, Chairperson

These minutes are as recorded by the Secretary and are subject to Board approval at the next called meeting.