

Minutes of the Marion County Board of Adjustments via Virtual Meeting on Microsoft Teams  
October 20, 2020

The Marion County Board of Adjustments met via Teams virtual meeting in accordance with Marion County's Disaster Declaration and pursuant to Iowa Code 21.8, This meeting will be held electronically as valid concerns exist that an in-person meeting would be impossible or impractical in seeking to adhere to Governor Reynolds State of Public Health Disaster Emergency Proclamation related to COVID-19 Community Spread Mitigation on October 20, 2020 at 5p.m.

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

Vice Chairperson Danielle Huffine called the meeting to order. Members present were Danielle Huffine, Jan Szlachetka Michael Kacmarynski, Loren Van Wyk and Dale Miller were all present either through computer or phone access.

Vice Chair Huffine called for a motion to approve the minutes from the September 15, 2020. Kacmarynski made a motion to approve Van Wyk seconded the motion.

Szlachetka	yes
Huffine	yes
Van Wyk	yes
Miller	yes
Kacmarynski	yes

Huffine opened the public hearing for Petition 68460 Russell and Vicki Vermie at 173 County Line Rd., Runnells requesting a 25-foot front yard variance to allow them to build a garage 10 feet off the front property line along County Line Rd. The legal description of Parcel 2199200100 is PART OF THE N FRL 1/2 OF THE NE FRL 1/4 OF SECTION 6, TOWNSHIP 77 NORTH, RANGE 21 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT A POINT 11.55 FEET EAST OF THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE NE FRL 1/4 OF THE NE FRL 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 6, THENCE NORTH 00° 33' 20" WEST 1089.5 FEET, THENCE NORTH 89° 21' 40" EAST 359.85 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 00° 33' 20" EAST 1094 FEET, THENCE WEST 359.83 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING.

Poffenbarger explained that although the Vermie's have almost nine acres the elevation drops greatly behind the house. Like with many petitions lately houses have been built on parcels with topographical constraints. This is typical as good farm ground stays in production and the junk ditches are sold off.

The County Engineer is agreeable to a 25-foot variance after the area was observed by staff from the Marion County Engineering Department which did note the topographical constraints of the property.

Van Wyk asked if there was any way to haul in enough dirt to push the building further back? The Vermie's did not feel that was possible. Van Wyk also asked about the location of the door, with great concerns if there would be a door on the south causing potential traffic hazards.

Poffenbarger explained there were no neighbor concerns.

After discussion from the BOA Vice Chair Huffine called for a motion on Petition 68460 - Van Wyk made a motion with an amendment to allow the variance so long as no doors were allowed to be put on the south side of the building opening to the road causing a traffic hazard. Kacmarynski seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken

Szlachetka	yes
Huffine	yes
Miller	yes
Kacmarynski	yes

Van Wyk            yes

The 25-foot variance passed with the addition of no south facing doors allowed.

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

Minutes by Melissa Poffenbarger