

**CITY OF IRON RIVER
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
PUBLIC HEARING
Wednesday, November 13, 2024
4:30 PM
Minutes
AMENDED**

Mayor Rodney Dood called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers of the Iron River City Hall.

Roll Call: Powell, Clements, Garcia, Leonoff and Dood.

Also present, City Manager Rachel Andreski, City Clerk Tyana Elenbaas, Interim City Attorney Hannah L. Goodman.

Public in attendance: Mike Stafford, Wendy Graham (Reporter) Vicky Powell, Mark Polley, Adam Polley, Joseph Mowery, Larry Skovera, Josh Desentz, Nicole Desentz and Ellen Richwalski.

Approval of Minutes

- a. May 1, 2024, Public Hearing Minutes
- b. July 17, 2024, Organizational Meeting Minutes

Clements motioned with the support from Garcia approve the minutes as presented. *All in favor. Motion carried.*

Joseph Mowery - Construction of a 6' Privacy Fence Variance Request. The proposed fence does not conform to the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance pertaining to opacity, or allowance of a fence in the front yard.

Public Comment

Andreski stated that we received a letter from two of the neighboring household owners, both letters were in favor of the fence and stated that they had no issues or objections. Mr. Larry Skovera spoke in favor of the fence, stating that it doesn't bother him. Also, Ellen Richwalski spoke, stating that she too was in favor of Mr. Mowery's fence and had no objections.

Mr. Mowery explained that he was unaware that he needed a land use permit to build the fence and was told by Gary Pisoni (Pisoni Land Surveying) that his fence would not be an issue. He also stressed that Mr. Pisoni was adamant that the fence was following City ordinance.

Andreski explained that Mr. Pisoni is not affiliated with the City and that he isn't aware of all the ordinances. She noted that the best way to check ordinances is either from the City website or come directly into City Hall. She noted that not only did Mr. Mowery not pull a permit for the fence, but he also didn't follow setback requirements, height restrictions and opacity requirements. She explained that the parcel is located on a corner lot, so the fence sits in the front yard, which is against City Ordinance.

Consideration of Appeal

Garcia motioned with support from Clements to approve the variance and allow Mr. Mowery to keep his fence.

Roll Call: Ayes – 5: Powell, Leonoff, Clements, Garcia, and Dood. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Dood moved with support from Garcia to adjourn at 4:35 p.m. All in favor; Motion carried.



Tyana Elenbaas, City Clerk