

**CHISAGO COUNTY
BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
FEBRUARY 22 , 2018**

The Chisago County Board of Adjustment met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 22, 2018, in Room 150B of the Government Center with the following Board members present: John Sutcliffe, Donna Nowicki, Doug Greene, and Gregg Carlson.

Also Present: Tara Guy, Assistant Zoning Director

The Chair called the meeting to order and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call of Board members was taken and a quorum established, with all members present. (The Fourth Commissioner District remains unrepresented on the Board.)

Staff Reports on the application had been prepared and distributed in advance to the members, and made available to the audience as well, along with copies of the applicants' files.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA - On motion by Sutcliffe and second by Nowicki, the meeting agenda was approved as presented.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Chairman Carlson noted a change for the minutes as drafted, in which member John Sutcliffe was elected Vice-Chair of the Board for the 2018 year. Correction duly noted. On motion by Sutcliffe and second by Greene the minutes of the meeting of January 25th, 2018 were approved as corrected.

ADOPTION OF MATERIALS AND SUBMITTALS INTO THE RECORD - Chairman Carlson noted for the record that a revised site plan had been submitted by the evening's applicant Doug O'Brien. Upon motion by Nowicki and second by Sutcliffe, all applications, submittals, reports and other materials were adopted into the record by reference. Staff Reports had been distributed in advance to the Board and the applicants, for their review. Copies of all applications, correspondence and Staff Reports were made available on a table at the entrance to the hearing room.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Doug O'Brien - Mr. O'Brien was present at the meeting to requests a variance to construct an accessory structure that exceeds the height of the principal dwelling, is closer to the road than the required setback, and differs in color and appearance from the residence. This is located in Nessel Township, Pikkusuo Park, Lot 11, Block 1, at 49790 Bayside Avenue (PID #06.01223.00). The Nessel Township Board had recommended that the garage be situated a minimum of 20 feet off of the right of way, to leave adequate room for the road grader and snow plow to maneuver around it if cars were parked in the driveway. Mr. O'Brien had then proposed to eliminate the large overhang originally planned on the front of the garage, and turned the garage so that the driveway and garage door faced into the interior of the lot rather than the road. Member John Sutcliffe who maintains the roads for Nessel Township stated that he felt certain that the Town Board would approve of the revised site plan, as it eliminates the likelihood of cars parking in the driveway and encroaching into the road. In summary, the applicant explained that the garage will be a neutral color, designed to match the future house, it will be 30 x 32 feet in size, with no extended overhang, 18 feet maximum height from grade to peak, and ten feet from the road right of way. The Chair sought public testimony, but there was no one there to offer comment. After further brief discussion, John Sutcliffe moved to approve the amended proposal, with the garage turned inward to the lot (north), with the closest point a minimum of ten feet from the road right of way. Donna Nowicki seconded it and the motion was carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT - There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:13 p.m.