

**TOWN OF BELGIUM
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MINUTES
February 19, 2024**

Call to Order: Chairperson Al Weyker called the Board of Appeals Hearing to order at 6:01 pm.

Present: Also present were Board of Appeals members Gerald Gantner, Ralph Weber Jim Hubing; Zoning Administrator Charlie Parks, Secretary Anne Nord, Tom Winker and Janice Poss.

Dickmann Variance – accessory structure: Michael and Jodi Dickmann, 6520 Sauk Trail Rd, (Tax ID 02-007-11-016.0): application for a variance of the zoning ordinance regarding an accessory structure under the provision of section 5.3 “Modifications: Yards/Setbacks” of the Town of Belgium Zoning Code.

Requested a variance to replace existing shed with 24 x 27 pole barn used only for storage- no electric, concrete, or plumbing. He (Mike) states he needs to do the shed on the side yard because of mound/system and septic system being located in the back yard. They’d have to cut down trees and add a driveway and replace a culvert if they were to do the shed in the backyard. Zoning code requires accessory structures to be in the back yard of the home. They were granted an original variance for the initial shed to be placed in the side yard and they are looking to replace this shed with the larger one.

Motion by Weber/Hubing to approve the setback variance; all voted in favor. Motion carried; variance granted due to the backyard being unusable due to the placement of the well/septic, and the placement of the driveway and the location of the trees along the lot line that they want to preserve.

Adjourn: Hearing adjourned at 7:06.

McClaren Variance – Accessory Structure: (6:11) Brian McClaren, 6618 Silver Beach North, (Tax ID 02-007-09-012.0): application for a shoreland fence allowance under the provision of section 5.3 “Modifications: Yards/Setbacks” of the Town of Belgium Zoning Code.

Requesting a shoreland fence permit due to 6612 Silver Beach North being an AirBNB rental. They don’t have a street yard to their property being bifurcated by the access road. They want a fence to allow for their dogs and children to be outside without having to worry about them. They want a 6 foot privacy fence, only for a portion of the yard near the home, and the rest they want to do a 42” decorative fence with 3 gate access points. They lack the street yard because of the road. They would like to insulate their property due to the renters having dogs and children and they would like to delineate property lines clearly and have more security for his children and dogs. Shoreland fence limitations are in place currently because of not wanting to block neighbors views of the lake, considering the fact that most lake lots are quite narrow.

Motion by Hubing/Weber to approve the variance; all voted in favor. Motion carried; The view concern is addressed by the open style fence and the primary concern for safety.

Adjourn: Motion Hubing/Weber to adjourn at 6:23 p.m.

Board spoke about opinions/issues with short term rentals with Mr. McClaren.

Motion by Weber second by Hubing to approve the minutes of the 12.6.2024 (revised) and 2.19.2024 minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Poss second by Gantner to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.
Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Anne Nord, Town Clerk