

The Special Meeting for May 22, 2020 of the Zoning Board of Appeals was called to order by Vice-Chair, Arlene Pokuta at 5:03 pm on a virtual Zoom meeting hosted by New Buffalo City Hall, 224 W. Buffalo Street, New Buffalo, MI 49117.

Roll Call

Members present: All board members present. Vice-Chair, Arlene Pokuta; Boardmembers Richard Cooper, Mark Joseph, Thomas Smith and Brandon McSmith

Staff present: City Manager, David Richards; City Clerk, Ann Fidler; Deputy Clerk, Nancy Griffin.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Boardmember Smith, seconded by Joseph to approve the agenda:
roll call vote, motion carried, 5/0.

Approval of Previous Minutes

Motion by Boardmember Smith, seconded by Cooper to approve the previous minutes from January 7, 2020:
roll call vote, motion carried, 5/0.

Public Comment

None

Open Public Hearing

Motion by Boardmember Smith, seconded by Joseph to open public hearing:
roll call vote, motion carried, 5/0.

Public Hearing

Variance Request 718 W. Indiana Street 11-62-8270-0017-00-4 allowing a six-foot (6') privacy fence to shield use of a proposed pool in the front yard of W. Indiana Street.

No comments

Close Public Hearing

Motion by Boardmember Joseph, seconded by Smith to close public hearing:
roll call vote, motion carried, 5/0.

New Business

Variance Request 718 W. Indiana Street 11-62-8270-0017-00-4 allowing a six-foot (6') privacy fence to shield use of a proposed pool in the front yard of W. Indiana Street.

Motion by Vice-Chair Pokuta, seconded by Smith to **approve** the variance request for 718 W. Indiana Street 11-62-8270-0017-00-4 allowing a six-foot (6') privacy fence to shield use of a proposed pool in the front yard of W. Indiana Street according to the following findings:

- The circumstances of this property are not comparable to adjacent properties as it experiences two (2) front yards

- The variances will have limited detriment to adjacent properties and the neighborhood
 - The variance will not impair the intent and purpose of the Zoning Ordinance:
- roll call vote, motion carried, 5/0.

Board Comments

Mark Joseph asked if the property was a short-term rental and the answer was yes.

Adjournment

Motion by Boardmember Joseph, seconded by Smith to adjourn the meeting at 5:18 pm.

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Arlene Pokuta, Zoning Board of Appeals Vice-Chair

Ann M. Fidler, City Clerk

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