

CITY OF COLUMBUS
PUBLIC HEARING IN INTERACTIVE TECHNOLOGY MEETING FORMAT
STATUTES SECTION 13D.021
VARIANCE- ACCESSORY STRUCTURE SETBACK
09-21-2022

The 09-21-2022 Public Hearing to consider a request for a Variance to allow an accessory structure setback at 9743 192nd Ave NE. The meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM by Chair Ron Hanegraaf at the City Hall. Present were Planning Commission members Ron Hanegraaf, Kris King, Barb Bobick, and Bob Berens, City Administrator Elizabeth Mursko, Associate Planner Frank Koenen, Planning and Zoning Permit Tech Ella Giefer, Assistant City Administrator Jessica Hughes, and City Attorney Megan Rogers.

In attendance via interactive technology were Council Member Shelly Logren, Scott Zieglmeier, Jake Jensen, Amy Sieben, Sue Wagamon, Jen, Jody, 1875, motoz4, Samsung sm-s908u.

Also, in attendance in person were Mayor Jesse Preiner, Council Member Janet Hegland, John Waldoch, Don Waldoch, Alex Waldoch, Scott Pearce, Andrea Rasmussen, Sean Homa, Dave Ryback JR, Dennis Retcher, Betty Hanegraaf, Myron Angel, Cindy Angel, Barb Hearley, Fran Hearley, Mike Wood, Helen Wood, Leon Wojtowicz, and William Krebs, and Stan Frieder.

The meeting was held in an interactive technology meeting format.

Hanegraaf: We're going to go onto item number 5 tonight, a public hearing for a Variance for a setback for an accessory structure. Ella, could you read the notice?

Notice was read at this time by the recording secretary.

Hanegraaf: Thank you. At this time, for the record, would the applicant please come to the table, and you can state your name and address and explain a bit about your project?

Rasmussen: Andrea Rasmussen, 9743 192nd Ave NE Columbus MN. I'm here today to request a variance to be able to build a pole building within the setback of our yard. We have a 41 acre parcel, most of which is wetlands. We originally planned to build to the west of the house on this grassy area, but it turns out its all wetlands there. The building would have to be moved to what is going to be the middle of the driveway for our barn if we kept it on that side, so we needed to find a new location for the pole building, and we're asking for a variance to move the building up against the east property line which borders Wyoming. As you can see from the pictures, if we build the pole building in the current location it will be in the middle of our driveway and will make moving our vehicles extremely difficult, especially once it starts getting icy out, and we're getting older so we'll probably just get worse at driving! We are wanting to be storing our trailers here but we will not be able to back up a trailer into a stall if its in that spot. Another difficulty would be that we have a rock wall here that we will need to drive around and if it gets hit we could damage the wall or our vehicle. I did some research on other cities, and the Minnesota building code has setbacks at 3 feet or 5 feet, which many other cities follow. Our property is adjacent to Wyoming, and their setbacks are 3 feet, and we're asking for 8 feet here today. And nothing can be built next to us there because of the highline easement so it won't be in the way of someone else. I did include pictures here so if any of you have any questions I'll answer them.

Hanegraaf: Thank you. I do have one question for you Andrea. Where where's your secondary septic system?

Rasmussen: So if you go to the first slide, I highlighted it in purple on there and both the 1st 50 and the 2nd 50 year sewers are in that inside that purple box. So it will not interfere with second 50 years sewer.

Hanegraaf: OK. Thank you. Very nice narrative. Anybody have any questions up here that you like to ask to Andrea?

Berens: This is Bob. Once again, what are the trailers used for?

Rasmussen: We have a fishing boat, we have an enclosed trailer, we have a car trailer, we have a dump vehicle. We have a bunch of different vehicles that go through, you need the car trailer to haul the dump vehicle.

Berens: Do you have a business running at your house or?

Rasmussen: No, no, no, no. These are just recreational vehicles trailers.

Berens: On the proposed garage, and it's hard to tell the pitch of the roof matching up with the existing house. It looks like it might be a four or five twelve pitch.

Rasmussen: 6/12 is what I planned I would. I'm negotiating with the builder because I would like to make it look a little bit more like my house, which is a 7/12 pitch, but 6/12 is kind of what we agreed on for the short term for the dollars.

Berens: And then the height of the ridge board, how high would you say that is after you complete it? Or what's the proposed design?

Rasmussen: I don't know the answer to that question.

Berens: It looks like it's 36 by 48 in dimension.

Rasmussen: That's the footprint of the building, yeah.

Berens: At a 6/12 pitch, so it's about another 6 feet above the 8 foot wall roughly. OK. Alright, thank you.

Rasmussen: I do know that I asked for larger garage doors, so I'm assuming that means that the walls on the front have to go up a little bit, another foot or two.

Berens: Alright, thank you.

King: Hi, this is Kris. I know you talked about adding gutters to the building and that Becky Wozney mentioned that you don't need gutters because you really have nothing on either side of you, I mean where the water is going, correct? But you still planning putting gutters on?

Rasmussen: Correct. 100%.

King: And this is an area where they can never build to the other side of or where this is going and bordering. I went over there and you have a quite a distance from if somebody was to build on the other side, you're pretty far away. You mentioned too you're building another barn?

Rasmussen: Well, that's the plan, this is the 10 year plan, and there's dollars associated with it. We built the House first, and then we put in the pool, and no I don't want to look at anything anymore so now it needs a garage, and then hopefully the animals will make it someday to a barn. That's the plan.

King: And you have a pigeon coop back there?

Rasmussen: Correct.

King: You got quite the spot back there.

Rasmussen: We do, we love it.

King: I bet you do, it's very nice back there. I don't have really any other questions.

Hanegraaf: Barb?

Bobick: No, you hit on look questions I had. I was concerned about the drainage on the other property, but if it isn't going to be sold or anything, shouldn't be a problem.

King: Yeah, there's really nothing that can go alongside you over there.

Hanegraaf: Well Andrea, I've been to your place twice. I think it was a swimming pool and this one. For tonight's record, I just gotta ask you these questions that you put on record did you receive the staff report from the city dated September 16th and they had all their findings and their positions noted out for our recommendations? On page 15.

Rasmussen: Maybe I didn't receive that.

Hanegraaf: It's dated September 16, 2022.

Rasmussen: Was that the packet in the e-mail?

Koenen: Yeah they're looking at the page numbers on the bigger packet application. I think yours was like 6 pages long.

Hanegraaf: The only reason I'm asking if you've read it and that if you had any questions about it or anything you want to bring up. OK, thank you. Nobody has anything else? OK then we're going to open up the floor for public hearing. Anyone who has an interest in this manner and wants to present testimony as evidence on the issue, please acknowledge themselves by stating their name and address, after which you have the floor to speak. Is there anybody online there?

Sieben: This is Amy Sieben. I'm the adjacent property owner. I live at 9623 192nd Ave Northeast. I have some questions about this and going along with the barn that's to be built in. The first slides that were shown the premise that the garage would have been in the road, and was that was the reason for this move to the east side of the property, is that correct?

Rasmussen: Yeah, that's correct. Where we thought the structure would be is was in a wetland. So to put it not in a wetland, it would be in the in the center of the road and right next to our pool, so yeah it's not feasible where it is.

Sieben: Wasn't this whole property wetland before it was filled for the building structures that are there?

Rasmussen: No.

Sieben: OK. So you had showed, this slide that's up right now and the original proposed structure, and then you showed something in green after that, that was to the West of that. What is the green square there?

Rasmussen: That's where when you look at the property as you stand from the pool, it looks like a nice green grassy area. It looks like a great spot to build a pole building, however that is in a wetland so the structure cannot go there.

Sieben: So the green box is the proposed or the green box is the wetland?

Rasmussen: The proposed is this slide here with the structure along the power line. When we got our survey, we were surprised as to where the location of that pole structure was going to be when they staked it out and we said we can't do that because we didn't realize that it was wetland over there, so we had to move where we intended to put that second structure.

Mursko: For clarification, the green that is on the screen currently, the proposed accessory building is now going to be located the new green box. The filled in solid box is where the location of the proposed accessory building will be.

Sieben: I do understand that, I just want to know what the premise for the whole moving it was from one side of the property to the other.

Hanegraaf: Do you have anything else, Amy?

Sieben: No.

Hanegraaf: Thank you for your call. Is there anyone else that would like to make a statement? I'd like to advise everybody that we don't usually allow people to make comments to talk to the applicant. If they ask questions, they should ask us commissioners and we'll ask them to respond later. But thank you anyway. Is there anybody else that I'd like to say something? The floor is open. Hearing none, we'll close the public hearing and we'll open it up for a discussion amongst the Commissioners here.

At this time Chair Hanegraaf closed the Public Hearing. Hearing closed at 6:56PM.

Ella Giefer

Respectfully submitted: Ella Giefer, Recording Secretary