

Building, Fire and Sanitary Sewer Board of Appeals
Minutes of Regular Meeting
Monday, June 3, 2019

Meeting called to order by Kench at 4:00 p.m.

- I. Roll Call:** Cline, Kahn, Sommers, Nieporte
Absent: Fleming and Allen

Staff: Brian Kench, Building Official, Board Secretary
Doug Lobsinger, Assistant Fire Chief, Neighborhood Resource Unit Coordinator

- II. Approval of Agenda:** Motion by Cline, support by Kahn to approve the agenda.

Motion approved

- IV. Approval of Minutes:** Motion by Kahn, support by Cline, to approve minutes from February 12, 2019 as drafted.

Motion approved

- V. Communications:** Kench noted nothing to report

- VI. New Business:**

Chairman Nieporte asked staff to provide background on Case #BFS-19-02

Lobsinger shared the portion of the staff report, noting that Russell Minor and Corrine Williamson, who own a home at 617 S. Kinney Street, for consideration for a variance from section R311.5.1. The lower portion of the existing stairs measures 34 ½ inches where 36 inches is required. The stair system is part of the original construction of the home and matches the upper flight of stairs off the landing, which complies with the minimum width.

Kench noted that the home would be licensed as a single-family dwelling for a family or no more than two unrelated people.

Ms. Williamson indicated that they are looking to place the home into the rental program, to allow other occupant to occupied the home to provide care for the family member.

Kench noted that the residential code and Michigan rehab code for existing buildings allow flexibility with stair configuration in regards to width, head height, rise, run, etc.; however, the rental code requires all structure coming into the program for the first time to be updated as if a new structure, requiring a variance.

Discussion on the age of the home, and the impact of allowing the existing stair width, original to the home, ensued.

Cline moved to approve the variance request on the basis that the home that the construction is original to the home, constructed in the late 30's, and the home has been used as a single-family

dwelling since that the time. Cline noted that the reduction by 1.5” would not affect the safety aspect of the home to permit the request. Support by Sommers.

Motion approved.

VII. Other Business:

None

VIII. Old Business:

None

IX. Adjournment: Kahn moved to adjourn, supported by Cline. Motion Approved.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.