

## ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MINUTES

A meeting of the De Pere Zoning Board of Appeals was held on August 22, 2011 at 4:45 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the De Pere City Hall.

Members present were: Chairman Tom Keidatz, John Fairchild, Kathy Van Vonderen and Robert De Groot. Also present was Building Inspector David Hongisto.

*1) Approval of minutes of the July 25, 2011 Zoning Board of Appeals meeting.*

Motion was made by Fairchild seconded by Van Vonderen to approve the minutes of the July 25, 2011 meeting. Motion carried.

*2) Request submitted by Roddy Kuskie, 1214 S. Erie Street, De Pere, Wisconsin for a building permit to construct an attached garage on the property located at 1214 S. Erie Street, De Pere, Wisconsin which would require a twenty (20) foot front yard setback variance.*

Keidatz read the notice of public hearing.

Building Inspector Hongisto explained that since the property was located in an existing neighborhood that was developed prior to the adoption of the current zoning code the front yard building setback became the average of the block rather than the standard 30' setback. The average of the block was 50' and that the proposed garage would be 30' from the front property line. He also noted that the lot is irregular shaped and initially the residence had an attached garage which had been turned into living quarters.

Petitioner Theresa Kuskie and her son Nick Kuskie told commission members that they didn't have a garage and would like to have one for storage of vehicles, snow blower, mower etc. They also noted that Roddie Kuskie had limited mobility and an attached garage would help his maneuvering into the house.

De Groot asked if they could convert the original garage back into living quarters and build an addition of the rear of the residence. The Kuskies indicated that it would not be feasible to do that.

Maureen Mc Donough, 1219 S. Erie Street stated that she lives across the street from the Kuskies and did not object to the variance request.

The board approved the variance request with Keidatz, Van Vonderen and Fairchild voting aye and De Groot voting naye. Keidatz noted that the variance approval would not be detrimental to the neighborhood and not create dangers to the public safety when the Kuskies would be backing out of their driveway.

Motion was made by Keidatz and seconded by Van Vonderen to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

David R. Hongisto  
Building Inspector