

MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE OF JOHNSBURG
MAY 8, 2018 MEETING OF THE
PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
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CALL TO ORDER – Chairman Husby called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Commission Members Present

Kim Husby
Mark Niggemann
Scott Letzter
Tom Benck (Absent)
Curt Larsen
Beth Foreman
Bobbie Wiltse

Petitioners

Mike Marzahl

MARZAHL VARIANCE REQUEST

Mike Marzahl attended to request that the Planning and Zoning Commission for the Village of Johnsburg recommend that a variance be granted to Section 7.2-1 Permitted Fences, to permit the placement of a privacy fence, six feet in height along the east side of his property in lieu of the otherwise permitted 30% open fence five feet in height. Mr. Marzahl explained that the six-foot portion of the fence would provide a visual buffer between his property and the adjacent cemetery, so when his dog is in the yard he will not be barking at people during services.

QUESTIONS FROM THE BOARD

Commission Member Wiltse questioned the reason for the variance. Marzahl replied that it would help block the activities taking place in the cemetery. Commission member Letzter questioned if anyone from the church reached out to him with any concerns. Marzahl answered that one of the groundkeepers stated they did not have any issue with the fence going up. Commission member Niggemann questioned if he considered any other options besides putting up a fence to block the view. Marzahl replied that he felt the fence was the best option to provide the necessary buffer. Commission member Foreman questioned if he received any negative feedback from the neighbors. Mr. Marzahl replied that he has not gotten any negative feedback, just positive feedback. Commission member Larsen questioned how he would cut the grass in between the fences. Mr. Marzahl stated that he install his fence off the property line so that he can maintain anything that grows between the two fences.

QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR

There were no questions from floor

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

No comments from the Board.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Paul Demuth of 4013 Delores stated that he has no problem with the fence and commented that Mr. Marzahl has been improving the property since he moved in.

SUMMARY

Commission Member Letzter motioned to recommend approval of the variance to permit a privacy fence six feet in height on the east side of the property. Seconded by Commission Member Foreman. All Commission Members in attendance voted aye. Motion carried

ADJOURNMENT - Motion by Chairman Husby to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Commission Member Letzter. All Members present voted aye. Motion carried at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Timothy Haynes

Administrative Assistant/Collector