

City of St. Ignace
Zoning Board of Appeals Proceedings
(Official)

A meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals was held on Tuesday, May 31, 2022, in the City Council Chambers as a hybrid attendance meeting with Zoom video conference available. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman Arnold.

Present: Jon Arnold, Ken Hardy, Steve Dufresne, Walt Wilhide, and Clyde Hart

Absent: Erin Vanier, Kayla Pelter, Luke Paquin, and Tom Tarnutzer.

Ms. Vanier's absence is excused due to illness, and Ms. Pelter's absence is excused for being out of town.

Staff Present: Assistant to the City Manager Stephanie Baar, and Building Inspector Brian Olsen.

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Approval of Agenda:

It was moved by Mr. Wilhide, seconded by Mr. Dufresne, to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes:

Chairman Arnold requests that Ms. Baar read the minutes from the May 24, 2022 meeting.

It was moved by Mr. Hardy, seconded by Mr. Wilhide, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Hearings:

A. 205 Burdette

Presentation from property owner. This will be a new short-term rental property and may or may-not continue as such into the future.

Property owner would like to eventually move back into the house, and as such, will make sure it is respected and taken care of while it operates as a short-term rental. Many improvements have been made recently. There were no issues with the inspection.

No public comment is received regarding the request.

It was moved by Mr. Wilhide, seconded by Mr. Dufresne, to approve the variance request.

Motion carried unanimously.

B. 9 Balsam

Presentation from property owner. The property was bought with eventual development in mind; it will only be used as short-term rental until then as a way to finance development.

The previous owners left behind lots of junk/scrap that is in the process of being cleared away.

All junk vehicles will be removed from the property.

Concerns about the lack of visible house marking are addressed; the house number will be made more visible on the house and mailbox.

Inspection has not been completed yet, but Mr. Olsen notes that he was worked with Mr. Wilk before and is confident that all the needed improvements will be done as quickly as possible. Letter from neighbor is read by Ms. Baar, regarding concerns about the impact short-term rental properties have on residential neighborhoods.

Neighbor on Zoom poses some questions about the City's regulation of short-term rentals.

It was moved by Mr. Wilhide, seconded by Mr. Hardy, to postpone approving the variance until the meeting on June 15th, following an update from the Building Inspector.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Hardy, seconded by Mr. Wilhide, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.