

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS
VARIANCE REQUESTS – 3510 LAKEWAY, 2506 MEADOWLARK
SEPTEMBER 24, 2012 - 7:30 P.M.
ST. PAUL TOWN HALL

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. There was a quorum.

Public Hearing 1: Mayor Walter read the notice of Public Hearing to for or against a variance requested by Mr. S. Struthers to run a pool business from his house, allow the parking of 3 trucks in the driveway, and allow three employees to access the trucks at 3510 Lakeway Drive, MARTIN FARMS (CSP), BLK B, LOT 3.

Mr. Struthers explained his need for the variance and answered board member questions about the request. He discussed the need to protect the expensive equipment in his trucks, his employee and fleet parking, and how his pool chemicals are stored safely.

Neighbor Justin spoke in favor of Mr. Struthers's operation and of his own home business and how he prevents it from being obvious. Neighbor and P & Z Chair Davis had no complaint about the parking but spoke against the operation's curb trash and the too frequent approval of variances brought to the board. He recommended more specific rules to avoid these grey areas. Mrs. Struthers spoke in favor of the operation.

Board Chair Walter closed the public hearing at 8:05.

Public Hearing 2: Mayor Walter read the notice of Public Hearing to receive public comments for or against a variance requested by Mr. R. Mears to allow construction of a 10'x 14' shed 11' from his western property line rather than the 20' required by Ordinance 130B. This lot is at 2506 Meadowlark Lane, LAKEVIEW MANORS #3 (CSP), LOT 78, 1.15 ACRES

Mr. Mears explained his need for the variance and answered board member questions about his lot layout and the need to locate the shed in his requested position.

Board Chair Walter closed the public hearing at 8:11.

Discussion/Action on Variance Requested by Mr. Struthers: Board Chair recommended that this issue be handled as an SUP to make this a temporary exception and discussion followed. Board member Kellow motioned refer this issue to Planning and Zoning and deny the variance with a second to the motion from Board member Gensler. All present board members voted aye.

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Discussion/Action on Variance Requested by Mr. Mears: Board member Gensler motioned to approve the variance with a second to the motion from Board member Simmons. All present board members voted aye.

Adjournment: Board member Kellow motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 with a second to the motion from Board member McCasland. The motion passed unanimously.