

**MINUTES**  
**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING**  
**AUGUST 1, 2022**  
**5:00 P.M.**

**1. Roll Call**

Clerk Kurihara called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M.

Members present: Ihm, Glass (Telephonic) and Schwantes

Members absent: Bausch, Kramer, Ingebritsen (Alternate 1) and Steffel Alternate 2)

Also present were Clerk Kurihara, City/Zoning Administrator Carlson, Tanner Cox, Heidi & Stephan Nelson, and Greg Strobush

**2. Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Ihm, second by Schwantes to approve meeting minutes of 10/25/2021. Motion carried.

**3. Public Hearing**

Clerk Kurihara declared the public hearing open at 5:01 P.M. to consider the appeal of Tanner Cox, 229 N. Monroe St, Lancaster, Wisconsin requesting a variance to Municipal Zoning Ordinance 455-70 C to erect a fence with a required height for residential fences.

Residential fences are permitted but shall not exceed a height of four feet six inches in the street yard and the applicant has proposed a fence height up to five (5) feet.

Tanner Cox felt the ordinance procedures pertaining to this type of variance request is discriminatory along with an unreasonable time limit to begin a project.

Spoke in favor of the proposed variance

None

Spoke against the proposed variance

None

**4. Close Public Hearing**

Clerk Kurihara closed the public hearing at 5:06 P.M.

**5. Consider Appeal**

Clerk Kurihara explained this request had been granted at the January 11, 2021; however, the applicant (Tanner Cox) was unable to begin in 2021 and therefore is reapplying for the same variance at five (5) feet as oppose the original six (6) feet.

Tanner Cox explained the reason for the delay and reduced height is due to supply issues and cost.

Motion by Glass, second by Ihm to approve the appeal of Tanner Cox, 229 N. Monroe St., Lancaster, Wisconsin requesting a variance to Municipal Zoning Ordinance 455-70 C to erect a fence up to five (5) feet which will exceed the required height for residential fences in the street yard based on the findings documented on the decision form. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

**6. Public Hearing**

Clerk Kurihara declared the public hearing open at 5:12 P.M. to consider the appeal of Heidi and Stephan Nelson, 353 S. Jefferson St, Lancaster, Wisconsin requesting a variance to Municipal Zoning Ordinance 455-70 C to erect a fence with a required height for residential fences.

Residential fences are permitted but shall not exceed a height of four feet six inches in the street yard and the applicant has proposed a fence height up to six (6) feet.

Spoke in favor of the proposed variance

None

Spoke against the proposed variance

None

**7. Close Public Hearing**

Clerk Kurihara closed the public hearing at 5:13 P.M.

**8. Consider Appeal**

Heidi and Stephan Nelson explained they were seeking to an increase in fence height as a reasonable accommodation related to their son's disability.

Motion by Glass, second by Schwantes to approve the appeal of Heidi and Stephan Nelson, 353 S. Jefferson St, Lancaster, Wisconsin requesting a variance to Municipal Zoning Ordinance 455-70 C to erect a fence up to six (6) feet which will exceed the required height for residential fences in the street yard based on the findings documented on the decision form. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

**9. Adjourn**

Motion by Ihm, second by Schwantes adjourn meeting at 5:19 P.M. Motion carried.

David A. Kurihara, City Clerk