

The following are minutes of the Bettendorf Board of Adjustment and are a synopsis of the discussion that took place at this meeting and as such may not include the entirety of each statement made. The minutes of each meeting do not become official until approved at the next board meeting.

**MINUTES
BETTENDORF BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
DECEMBER 9, 2010
5:00 P.M.**

Chairman Pro Tem McElhiney called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

Item 1. Roll Call

PRESENT: Falk, Howe, McElhiney, Voelliger
ABSENT: Stelk
STAFF: Connors, Fuhrman, Soenksen

Item 2. Review of Board Procedures.

Item 3. The Board to review and approve the minutes of the meeting of November 18, 2010.

On motion by Voelliger, seconded by Howe, that the minutes of the meeting of November 18, 2010 be approved as submitted.

ALL AYES

Motion carried.

Item 4. The Board to hold a public hearing on the following item:

- a. Case 10-068; 431 Fourth Street (R-2) - A request for a variance to allow a 4-foot high fence in a required front yard, submitted by Gary Boche.

McElhiney asked if there was an affidavit of publication. Soenksen stated that notice of public hearing had been received. Notice and affidavit of publication are Annex #2 to these minutes.

Soenksen reviewed the staff report. Staff report is Annex #3 to these minutes. Soenksen stated that he had received three phone calls regarding the case. He indicated that after he had explained the request, all were in support.

McElhiney asked if there was anyone present wishing to speak in favor of the request.

Gary Boche, the applicant, stated that staff had presented all of the pertinent facts and that he would be available to answer any questions the Board may have. He explained that the proposed fence poses no visual obstruction, adding that the variance is

necessary only for the portion to be placed along Brown Street. He indicated that because there are no stop signs at the intersection, the proposed fence would have no impact on traffic.

Howe commended the applicant for choosing such a visually appealing fence. Voelliger concurred.

Soenksen questioned whether the applicant plans to fence along the alley. Boche explained that no fence would be placed there as the new garage he plans to build will serve as a barrier for the southeast corner of the lot. He added that there would be a short wooden fence between the corner of the house and the garage so that the entire rear yard is enclosed.

There being no one else present wishing to speak in favor of or in opposition to the request, McElhiney closed the public hearing.

On motion by Howe, seconded by Voelliger, that the variance to allow a 4-foot high fence in a required front yard be approved in accordance with the Decision and Order.

Motion carried.

Decision and Order is Annex #4 to these minutes.

There being no further business, it was unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at approximately 5:15 p.m.

These minutes and annexes approved

John Soenksen
City Planner