

**MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE OF JOHNSBURG
FEBRUARY 10, 2015 MEETING OF THE
PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION**

CALL TO ORDER – Chairman Husby called the meeting to order at 7:24 p.m.

Commission Members Present

Mark Niggemann
Scott Letzter
Steve Nethaway (absent)
Curt Larsen
Beth Foreman
Bobbie Wiltse

Petitioners

Mr. Mark Verkuilen

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Motion by Commission Member Letzter to approve the December 9, 2014 minutes as written. All committee members present voted aye. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

VERKUILEN VARIANCE REQUEST

Mark Verkuilen of 1917 W. Sunnyside Beach Ave. was in attendance to request a variance to Section 7.2-1 entitled Permitted Fences, to permit the placement of a fence in the front yard. Said variance is to accommodate a decorative aluminum fence with 4 inch wide openings not to exceed four feet in height along the side property lines in the yard abutting the river. Chairman Husby confirmed that all fees and notice requirements had been met.

Mr. Verkuilen presented his request and explained that the variance will permit him to have a decorative fence in the front yard that will not obstruct the view and will enable him to contain his dog in the yard. Mr. Verkuilen presented pictures of his front yard and the fencing his neighbor installed. He explained that he would like to install the same type fence as his neighbor.

QUESTIONS FROM THE BOARD

Commission Member Niggemann asked what color the fence will be. Mr. Verkuilen explained that it will be dark bronze powder coated and match his neighbor's fence.

Commission Member Wiltse questioned if it was going to be from the same fence as his neighbors. Mr. Verkuilen explained that it will be the same manufacture.

Commission Member Foreman expressed concern with what the neighborhood will look like if all the neighbors put up fences. The committee expressed that since the fences are not blockade it would not obstruct the view or cause an issue.

SUMMARY

Mr. Verkuilen summarized that he is requesting the variance to permit the installation of a fence in the front yard to contain his dog in the yard.

Commission Member Letzter motioned to recommend approval of the request for a variance to permit a four foot high decorative fence presented to the commission. Commission Member Wiltse seconded the motion. All committee members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Chairman Husby noted that the matter will go before the Village Board for consideration.

ADJOURNMENT - Motion by Board Member Letzter to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Commission Member Foreman. All Members present voted aye. Motion carried at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra Swetz
Deputy Clerk