

**Barnesville Planning Commission
Regular Meeting
Monday, April 4, 2016**

The regular meeting of the Barnesville Planning Commission was called to order by Chairperson Brent Berg at 6:30 p.m.

Members present: Brent Berg, Steve Mortensen, Paul Karsnia, Don Goedtke, Rick Hamman and Dustin Korynta.

Members absent: None

Others present: Cindy Olson, Carlton Moe, Mike Rietz and Pam Aakre.

AGENDA

4-4-16-01 Motion by Karsnia and seconded by Hamman to approve the agenda. Unanimously carried.

MINUTES

4-4-16-02 Motion by Goedtke and seconded by Mortensen to approve the minutes of the January 4, 2016 meeting. Unanimously carried.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR A VARIANCE TO THE PERMITTED INTRUSION INTO THE FRONT YARD SETBACK AT 202 3RD AVE SE

4-4-16-03 Motion by Hamman and seconded by Karsnia to open the Public Hearing at 6:35 p.m. Unanimously carried.

Administrator Rietz presented the variance application from Cindy Olson to be able to build a balcony on the front of the building at 202 3rd Ave SE that would extend beyond the front of the building by 2 feet. As this is one of the older buildings in the community, it is already encroaching on the front yard setback. Therefore, it needs this variance to allow the planned construction. This balcony is being requested in order to rebuild an exterior stairway to allow for a compliant emergency exit for the property.

4-4-16-04 Motion by Mortensen and seconded by Korynta to close the public hearing at 6:49 p.m. Unanimously carried.

4-4-16-05 Motion by Korynta and seconded by Mortensen to recommend to the City Council approval of the variance with the following findings:

1. The use of the property is reasonable based on the need for proper emergency egress from the structure, which enhances the health safety and welfare of residents in the community.
2. The structure in question is fairly unique in that it is one of the older structures in the community and as such provides challenges when it come to complying with modern health and safety regulations.
3. The variance will not alter the essential character of the locality because will not result in the structure being out of scale, out of place or otherwise inconsistent with the surrounding area.

Unanimously Carried

BUILDING PERMIT LIST

The building permits for January through March were reviewed. 18 permits with a total valuation of \$306,900.

4-4-16-06 Motion by Korynta, seconded by Hamman to adjourn. Unanimously carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Submitted by:
Michael Rietz
City Administrator