WHITLEY COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS STAFF REPORT

22-W-VAR-14 DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS VARIANCE

Robert & Linda K. Strabbing 6601 E. Harrold Road

JULY 26, 2022 AGENDA ITEM:

SUMMARY OF PROPOSAL

Current zoning: LR, Lake Residential

Property area: 0.2 ± acre

The petitioner, owner of the subject property, is requesting a development standards variance for an encroachment into the required side setback on the property located at 6601 East Harrold Road in Smith Township. The property is comprised of Lot 3 of Frank Harrold's First Addition to Blue Lake Resort (platted 1922). The property is currently improved with a dwelling and detached garage.

The petitioner has proposed to construct a third-car addition to the garage. Approximately 9' would be added to the west side of the garage, which would place the building 1' from the west property line. As proposed, the new garage would maintain the existing setbacks of 16.8 feet along Harrold Road, and 10.5' along the east property line. The proposed structure would result in a 4' variance from the 5' required west side setback.

Several properties along Harrold Road have had variances granted for similar or lesser setbacks for garages.

Based on the Best Available map information and topography, the structure would be located outside the regulatory floodplain.

REVIEW CRITERIA

Indiana Code §36-7-4-918.5 and Section 10.10 of the Zoning Code state the criteria listed below upon which the Board must base its review. Staff's comments/proposed findings of fact under each criterion.

1. The approval will not be injurious to the public health, safety, morals, and general welfare of the community;

The proposed variance will not likely be injurious to the public safety, health, and morals as the proposed setback generally matches the setbacks of existing structures along Harrold Road. General welfare may be injured if practical difficulties specific to the property are not found.

2. The use and value of the area adjacent to the property included in the variance will not be affected in a substantially adverse manner; and

It is not expected that this variance will adversely affect the value of the area adjacent to the property as the surrounding properties enjoy similar setbacks as the proposed. However, the proximity of the proposed structure to the existing structure on the adjacent west property could adversely affect the use of that property, and potentially the subject property, by limiting the accessibility around each lot.

3. The strict application of the terms of the Ordinance will result in practical difficulties in the use of the property. This situation shall not be self-imposed, nor be based on a perceived reduction or restriction of economic gain.

The strict application of the Ordinance terms may or may not result in practical difficulties. The petitioner proposes to maintain the existing setbacks on two sides of the existing structure.

Date report prepared: 7/19/22

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS ACTION

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PLAT OF SURVEY (Page 1 of 2)

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