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**BOARD OF APPEALS**  
**Thursday, May 1, 2025**  
**6:00 PM**

**Tolzman Community Room of the Frank L Weyenberg Library**

**Minutes**

**1) Call to Order**

**Present:**

Chair Kathleen Massey  
Vice Chair James Wawrzyn  
Board Member Steve Helfer  
Board Member Ramona Larson  
Board Member Scott Reigle – **Excused**

Also present: City Attorney Sajdak, City Clerk Fochs, Building Inspections Supervisor Golden and interested public.

**2) Approve meeting minutes of April 3, 2025**

Motion to approve Board of Appeals meeting minutes of April 3, 2025.

**RESULT:** **Approved by Voice Acclamation [Unanimous]**  
**MOVED BY:** Helfer  
**SECONDED BY:** Board Member Wawrzyn

**AYES:** Massey, Wawrzyn, Helfer, Larson

**3) Hear evidence concerning: debate, deliberate and decide the request of:**

- a. **Applicant:** Morgan Tuttle (Miller Mobility)  
**Owner:** Joyce Peterson  
**Appeal:** Opportunity will be given to all interested in being heard concerning the petition requesting a variance to Mequon Code Sec 58-249(a) regarding front yard setback to install a temporary ramp to the front door at 12160 N River Road.

Chair Massey explained the guidelines for the Board of Appeals as well as the process for the meeting. All parties appearing before the Board of Appeals were sworn.

Morgan Tuttle 1713 Elder Street Unit #201, Waukesha, WI  
Greg Golden 11333 N Cedarburg Rd, Mequon WI

Dani Faucette 12211 N River Road, Mequon WI  
Cynthia Kransler 12223 N River Road, Mequon WI  
Robert Tatterson 4250 Solvang Lane, Mequon WI

Building Inspections Supervisor Golden began by explaining that the front yard setback is 70 feet for the home at 12160 N River Road. The variance would allow a setback of 31 feet for the ramp. Per the application, the front door is the only option to provide adequate access with the ramp going over the existing stairs. The rear door has an interior staircase, and the house itself is a legal non-conforming. The door access and non-conforming lot create a unique hardship, and he recommends approving the variance.

Mr. Tuttle explained that they began the process last year for the Peterson family to assist in getting the ramp installed. In order to determine the setback, they obtained a survey. It was a challenge to get the funding while working through a non-profit to take care of the permit, survey and application fees. The goal is to move the applicant's daughter in and out of the house safely.

Chair Massey reviewed some of the other solutions such as adding handrails, a stair lift or a vertical lift. Mr. Tuttle explained how those other options were not feasible due to cost or would not be an appropriate solution for the Peterson family. He said a vertical platform lift would cost well over \$13,000. Joyce Peterson has difficulty moving her daughter as she is not able to walk well on her own. They had to call the fire department for assistance in order to get her the medical attention she needed.

Building Inspections Supervisor Golden stated that any of the other options would also require a variance.

Several neighbors then spoke. Ms. Faucette, a neighbor across the street, said she has no opposition to the installation of a ramp at the Peterson home and supports the variance. Ms. Kransler said Joyce Peterson cannot physically get her daughter in and out of house without a ramp. Mr. Tatterson lives a few houses north and also supports the variance.

Motion to close public hearing.

**RESULT:** Approved by Voice Acclamation [Unanimous]  
**MOVED BY:** Board Member Wawrzyn  
**SECONDED BY:** Board Member Massey

<b>AYES:</b> Massey, Wawrzyn, Helfer, Larson
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The Board began their discussion based on the testimony and evidence that was provided. Member Wawrzyn believes sufficient evidence was provided of a qualified unique hardship. Chair Massey agrees that the applicant has met the burden due to the uniqueness of the property, the medical needs of the daughter and need for this temporary ramp. Members Larson and Helfer agreed that the variance is warranted. Member Helfer said the solution seems reasonable and is supported by a number of neighbors.

Motion to grant the variance.

**RESULT:** Approved by Roll Call Vote [Unanimous]  
**MOVED BY:** Board Member Massey  
**SECONDED BY:** Board Member Wawrzyn

**AYES:** Massey, Wawrzyn, Helfer, Larson

**4) Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn at 6:34 PM.

**RESULT:** Failed by Voice Acclamation [Unanimous]  
**MOVED BY:** Board Member Wawrzyn  
**SECONDED BY:** Board Member Massey

**AYES:** Massey, Wawrzyn, Helfer, Larson

Respectfully Submitted,

*Beth Kong*  
*Deputy Clerk*