

**BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS  
MEETING MINUTES**

**DATE:** August 30, 2017  
**TIME:** 1:00 p.m.  
**PLACE:** County Board Room 101; 126 Cherry St; Phillips, WI

1. Call to order and roll call: Meeting called to order by Chair Marijane Koupy at 1:00 p.m. Present: James Boyer, Daniel Hauptert, Marijane Koupy, Margaret Novak, David Schmidt; Alternates: Terrance Wasti, Thomas Frane. Also present: Evan Lund, Robert Kopisch, Nick Trimner.
2. Elect Chair: Hauptert/Boyer nominated Marijane Koupy as Chair. Three calls for further nominations. Motion Schmidt/Boyer to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Marijane Koupy as Chair. Motion carried.
3. Elect Vice-chair: Boyer/Hauptert nominated David Schmidt as Vice-chair. Three calls for further nominations. Motion Hauptert/Novak to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for David Schmidt as Vice-chair. Motion carried.
4. Elect Secretary: Novak/Boyer nominated Daniel Hauptert as Secretary. Hauptert declined nomination. Hauptert/Boyer nominated Margaret Novak as Secretary. Three calls for further nominations. Motion Schmidt/Boyer to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Margaret Novak as Secretary. Motion carried.
5. Approve minutes of the August 24, 2016 and November 28, 2016 meetings: Motion Hauptert/Koupy to approve the minutes from the August 24, 2016 meeting as presented. Motion carried. Motion Hauptert/Koupy to approve the minutes from the November 28 2016 meeting as presented. Motion carried.
6. Site visit to property (if needed) and return to Board Room: Members declined a site visit.
7. Public hearing declared open at 1:10 p.m. on variance application submitted by Richard A. and Marjean K. Hebert. Speaking on behalf of the applicant: Richard Hebert, Tiffany Widmann. Jean reviewed list of notices sent. Correspondence received from Sandy Wickman requesting plan for vegetation and Susan Scheller Kirby in objection. Evan Lund was asked to provide information regarding how complaint was received and handled. Motion Boyer/Schmidt to close the hearing at 1:41 p.m.
8. Deliberation and decision regarding application by Richard A. and Marjean K. Hebert: Motion Boyer/ to grant variance of Price County Shoreland Zoning Code Chapter 520 requested by Richard A and Marjean K. Hebert. Motion failed due to lack of a second. Motion Schmidt/Hauptert to deny the variance of Price County Shoreland Zoning Code Chapter 520 requested by Richard A. and Marjean K. Hebert. Roll call vote: Yes (4): Hauptert, Koupy, Novak, Schmidt. No (1): Boyer. Motion carried. No instances of unnecessary hardship or unique property limitations and potential harm to the public interest were determined.
9. Site visit to property (if needed) and return to Board Room: Members declined a site visit.
10. Public hearing declared open at 2:00 p.m. on variance application submitted by Robert P. Merkel: Speaking on behalf of the applicant: Robert Merkel. George Seeburger and Thomas Merkel spoke in support. Jean reviewed list of notices sent. Correspondence received from Thomas Merkel in support. Motion Schmidt/Hauptert to close the hearing at 2:20 p.m.
11. Deliberation and decision regarding application by Robert P. Merkel: Motion Boyer/Novak to grant variance of Price Count Shoreland Zoning Code Chapter 520 requested by Robert P. Merkel with condition that old structure to northeast be removed. Motion carried. Unnecessary hardship, unique property limitations and no harm to public interest were cited: already has permit for a different structure which would have been more environmental damaging, narrowness of property and no harm to the public interest was determined.
12. Communications and Public Comment: Robert Kopisch vouched for the integrity of Evan Lund, Zoning Administrator.
13. Set next meeting: July 2018, unless hearing requirement.
14. Motion Schmidt/Boyer to adjourn at 2:50 p.m.

Submitted by,  
Jean Gottwald, County Clerk