

**City of Fox Lake  
Board of Zoning Appeals  
September 23, 2021**

A meeting of the City of Fox Lake Board of Zoning Appeals was held on Thursday September 23, 2021 at 6:30 p.m., in the council chambers. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Steve Reчек. Roll call was taken with David Jenswold, Robert Kratz, Steve Reчек, Kayla Sharpee, Shirley Wachter and Don Zilewicz present.

In the audience were Michael & Samantha Ramspeck, Phillip & Rose Newman and Andrea Meyer.

Also in attendance were City Clerk Jenny Quirk and City Administrator Kelly Crombie.

The clerk certified open meeting laws and public notice requirements, for the meeting, have been met.

**Approve Minutes**

Motion by Sharpee, seconded by Zilewicz to approve the minutes of the July 19, 2021 Board of Zoning Appeals meeting, as typewritten. Motion carried.

**Variance requests – by Michael & Samantha Ramspeck of 118 W. State Street:**

Chairperson Reчек read the variance request received from Michael & Samantha Ramspeck of 118 W. State St. from city ordinance 520-71(C), which states “Height of fence regulated: Residential fences six feet or less in height are permitted on rear and side lot lines. Residential fences less than or equal to four feet in height are permitted in the front yard setback area, but shall not be any closer than two feet to the right-of-way and shall be subject to the requirements ..” Ramspecks would like to install a six foot high fence gate at the approach on W. Green St, being five feet off the property line.

Reчек opened the public hearing on the variance request at 6:32 p.m.

Ramspeck explained they would like to place a higher gate in their back yard, which is the street side of Green St, so they will have more privacy and to better contain their dog. Ramspeck stated the gate would be made of wood, to match the front yard gate, would swing into the yard only and would be about 25 feet wide to match the driveway approach.

Both Newmans and Meyer, who are direct neighbors to the property, spoke in favor of the gate being installed.

With no other comments or questions Reчек closed the public hearing at 6:38 p.m.

Motion by Zilewicz, seconded by Kratz to grant a variance to city ordinance 520-71(C), to allow Michael & Samantha Ramspeck of 118 W. State Street to install a six foot high fence gate at the approach on W. Green St, being five feet off the property line.

Vote in favor: Zilewicz, Jenswold, Kratz, Reчек, Sharpee and Wachter. Motion carried and variances granted.

With no other business to come before the Board of Zoning Appeals, motion by Kratz, seconded by Zilewicz to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.