



OFFICIAL MINUTES
BOARD OF AJUSTMENTS
December 23, 2009

Members present: Malcolm Hodnett, Gary McNeal, Nathan Oubre, Rudy Soignet and Clarence Savoie
Members absent: Foye Lirette and Mark Tortorich
Also Present: Eric Faucheaux, Public Works Director, Errol Price, Zoning Administrator and Ruby Maggio, Secretary

Mr. Hodnett stated we don't have any meeting minutes so we'll go straight into the agenda items.

The request is to consider a request by Paul Bouterie to vary 1 ½ feet from side yard setback requirement of 5 feet in order to construct a carport and shed at 203 Belmont Dr. (R-1 Zoning District). Mr. Paul Bouterie of 203 Belmont Dr. came forward and stated he apologized for getting you all here at this date and everything. Basically what I want to do is I want to build a carport and add a little storage shed which would be way to the side of it. My understanding is the post has got to be five feet from the property line and I talked to my neighbor before and he said he has no problem, I just want to push it back just a foot and a half so I can make it easy to put a double carport. The shed is going to be well in my yard it self. Mr. Hodnett stated just so we have an idea, we have this picture that we're looking at, what is the distance from I guess that is your neighbor's wood fence to the edge of the concrete, what is that? Mr. Bouterie replied I talked to Mike, his name is Mike Delaune and his fence is about 6" away from the property ok, how far is the concrete, I guess that is another 6" or so, I really don't know to be honest with you. Mr. Hodnett stated but that is not, I'm just trying to get a handle on it but that is not...Mr. Bouterie stated I'm going to go from our property line, in other words, that 6" like I said from his fence, 6" then 3 ½ feet. Mr. Hodnett stated and you don't know how wide your existing drive is? Mr. Bouterie stated the one I have right there I think is about 18' and that is why I want to go a little further to pour a little concrete right there next to my house to give me 20 something or whatever it is going to be. Mr. Hodnett stated so you would essentially wind up either coring out or drilling or anchor bolting the carport onto the existing slab now, correct? Mr. Bouterie replied I guess that is what the contractor is going to do, I really don't know, if a nail is pointing that way I think it goes on that wall, the contractor is going to be Louis Hebert. Mr. Hodnett asked if he was doing wood or you're doing aluminum or... Mr. Bouterie stated it is going to be some kind of siding. Mr. Hodnett stated I mean the structure itself will be wood. Mr. Bouterie stated I guess the inside of it, they're going to do the frame I guess, I'll be honest with you I don't really know; the outside of it is going to be vinyl or aluminum. Mr. Hodnett stated and I guess it won't be, since you're going to pour an additional piece of concrete next to the house... Mr. Bouterie replied right to the back of that shed, you've got a picture of the back of that shed. Mr. Hodnett stated and it won't be physically touching or is it going to be attached to it. Mr. Bouterie replied I have, I don't know what pictures you have right there, I have like a carport, I've been in my house since March of '79 I moved in my house and when I built it I took a carport and a half and made it a carport, I'm a salesman on the road so I don't keep cars that long period and I took the other half of the carport and made my shed. I thought I was saving a lot of money but it turned out I really didn't, it was a dumb mistake. I want to extend my shed that I have back there another like 14 x 15 or something like that, I can go from the back of that and of course the concrete would come, where I have concrete now would be basically my shed other than a little more, the carport will be connected the shed, if that is what you were asking. Mr. Hodnett stated right and then the carport would not be, oh, ok I see what you're saying, so you would be adding on to the back of the house with the shed. Mr. Bouterie replied right. Mr. Hodnett stated and then from the shed to the carport would be a continuous tie in... Mr. Bouterie replied exactly, it is not going to be a separate building it is going to be a couple of posts on my neighbor's side and then to the shed, it is going to be connected to my existing house and then the shed. Mr. Hodnett replied right and then really it looks like most of your construction is going to be beyond where the edge of the exiting house is, it is further back with really the, it is not an indentation but I guess you would be fairly close to your rear property line. Mr. Bouterie replied I'm sure I'll be a good 10' away. Mr. Hodnett replied oh, but most of it is going to be to the rear. Mr. Bouterie replied right, it is going straight to the back with the shed. Mr. Hodnett stated way to the back. Mr. Nathan Oubre stated that was going to be his next question, how far from the back fence. Mr. Bouterie stated I'll put it this way it is going to be a 14 x 15 shed, I forgot which way I told him to put it but it is 14' and I'm going another 6' with just concrete and I'm going to have another 6 or 7' before I hit the fence. Mr. Oubre replied so that is not an issue. Mr. Bouterie replied right. Mr. Hodnett stated well just in case, the point where you needed a variance is by your neighbor and as long as you talked about that. Mr. Bouterie replied of course if I had a different neighbor and of course everybody could disapprove in that area, it just doesn't have to be just that neighbor. Mr. Oubre stated out in the back of the house do you have a little porch or something

beyond the existing shed because I can see a pole. Mr. Bouterie replied oh yes, it is like a lean too I've got a lean too where I keep like my barbeque pit and my lawnmower. I'll knock that down and the shed will come from that. Mr. Oubre stated because I can see a post in that corner. Mr. Bouterie replied right, in other words that is like a little lean too that I added when I did my siding on my house and that will be knocked down and I'll add, the shed would be that part plus, I won't have that anymore, it will start from that and I'll cut a hole through my existing shed now so it can flow all into one. Mr. Hodnett stated and then that corner of the house would really be the starting point of the carport at that point too. Mr. Bouterie replied I'm sure that I'll leave enough that I can walk. Mr. McNeal stated so you're actually adding that on and it is going to be a shingle roof. Mr. Bouterie replied yes it is going to be like the roof that I have now and everything. Mr. McNeal stated he's going to go where the water is going to drain to the back or to the side? Mr. Bouterie stated really the edge won't, it will still be on my property; the overhang will basically still be on my property. Mr. Hodnett asked if there were any further comments or questions from the board. Mr. Savoie made a motion to accept his variance request, the motion was seconded by Mr. Oubre, all members were in favor, motion carried. Mr. Hodnett stated good luck to you and Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Mr. Bouterie stated my wife wanted to know if she can take the sign down. Mr. Price stated just tell her to take it down and put it on the back patio, the lean too or whatever and I'll pick it up. Mr. Bouterie stated you'd be surprised the phone calls you get, what is happening? Mr. Price stated yes, I'll pick it up on Monday. Mr. Bouterie replied ok. Mr. Hodnett stated do I have a motion to adjourn - motion was made by Mr. McNeal and seconded by Mr. Savoie, all members were in favor, meeting adjourned.