

CITY OF DECORAH
BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
Minutes of August 1, 2016

John Moeller called the meeting to order at 4:30pm and the following answered roll.
Present: Jon Christy, Janelle Pavlovec and Steve Johnson.

Absent: Sue Sander

Also in attendance: Zoning Administrator Chad Bird

Moeller asked for consideration of the minutes of the June 6, 2016 meeting.

**Johnson moved and Pavlovec seconded approval of the minutes as presented.
Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.**

The first item on the agenda is an application for Larry Sharp for 713 Maple Avenue, requesting permission to replace a front porch and steps contrary to the R-3 zoning regulations.

Mr. Sharp reviewed his application with the board and noted that the current property has a 19' front-yard setback and he wished to construction a new front porch and entryway that would encroach an additional 6' and leave a 13' front-yard.

He noted that this new covered porch would allow him and his wife more mobility and provide much better access to the home.

There were no other public comments.

In board discussion there was general conversation about the height of the proposed porch and width of the addition. Moeller noted he believed there to be plenty of front-yard at this property.

**Johnson moved and Christy seconded a motion to approve the variance application as presented.
Roll call vote: Unanimously approved.**

Other Business

In other business Pavlovec noted that she would like to see more participation in discussions between the planning and zoning commission and the board of adjustment. There was some discussion about regulating the new trend in lodging; AirBnB.

Also, the board agreed to not accept future applications unless and until the application form is completed in full and completely.

The board also agreed to change their meeting time to the second Monday of each month and retain the 5:00pm meeting time. Bird noted he would try to coordinate the next meeting with the planning and zoning commission.

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There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:12pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "C. A. [unclear]", written in a cursive style.