

**Green Lake County  
BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

August 16, 2024

The meeting of the Green Lake County Board of Adjustment was called to order by Chair Ron Triemstra on Friday, August 16, 2024, at 9:00 AM in the Green Lake County Board Room, Green Lake County Government Center, 571 County Road A, Green Lake, WI. The meeting was held both in person and via remote access. The requirements of the open meeting law were certified as being met. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Ron Triemstra, Chair  
Rick Dornfeld, Vice-Chair  
Peter Wallace

**Absent:**

**Other County employees present:**

Liz Otto, County Clerk, Matt Kirkman, P&Z Director; Ryan Schinke; Land Use Coordinator/Technician

**MINUTES**

*Motion/second (Wallace/Dornfeld)* to approve the minutes of the 6/21/2024 meeting. Motion carried with no negative vote.

**MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT AND PER DIEM SUBMITTALS**

No discussion.

**RECESS FOR FIELD INSPECTION**

Chair Triemstra recessed the meeting at 9:02 AM for field inspection.

Chair Triemstra reconvened the meeting at 9:35 AM

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**Item #1: Owner/Applicant:** Mike & Sarah Swanke, **Location:** W3260 Highway 23, **Parcel:** 004-00845-0101, **General legal description:** Lot 1 of CSM 3786, located in Section 23, T16N, R12E, Town of Brooklyn, **Request:** Variance to Section 350-43.1 of the Zoning Ordinance to build a privacy fence along the street right-of-way line.

Chair Triemstra read the rules for the Public Hearing.

Mike and Sarah Swanke, W3260 Highway 23, each spoke. Mike Swanke explained that a fence was installed to contain their farm animals for agricultural use. Sarah Swanke stated that the fence is needed to contain the large animals they have so they don't cause harm on the highway.

Opposition – none

***Motion/second (Triemstra/Wallace)*** to close the Public Hearing. Motion carried with no negative vote.

Matt Kirkman reviewed staff report as outlined in the packet. Fence should have been an open style fence to comply with zoning requirements. Discussion held.

***Motion/second (Triemstra/Dornfeld)*** to suspend the rules and allow Mike Swanke to speak. Motion carried with no negative vote. Swanke stated that he was unaware of any ordinance restrictions regarding the fence and that visibility is maintained because the fence is only 4' high.

Chair Triemstra called for final comments. ***Motion/second (Triemstra/Dornfeld)*** to grant the request of the petitioner. Roll call vote – Triemstra – no, Dornfeld – no, Wallace – no. Motion failed – request denied.

***Motion/second (Dornfeld/Wallace)*** to adjourn the meeting at 10:02 AM. Motion carried with no negative vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Liz Otto".

Liz Otto  
County Clerk