

NOTICE

The City of **Merrill Zoning Board of Appeals** will meet on **Tuesday, July 7, 2020 at 6:30P.M.**, in the Council Chambers on the following:

Voting members: Chairman Steve Hass, Alderman Mike Rick, James Koebe, Dean Haas, Ron Burrow, Jeremy Thompson, Adam Rekaw

AGENDA

- 1.) Call to order
- 2.) Roll call
- 3.) Approval of the minutes May 26, 2020
- 4.) **Public Hearing**: Cary & Rebecca Kerins, 600 S. Oregon Street, requesting a variance to M.M.C. Sec. 113-320, side yard fence height in a residential zone. Legally described in Tax# 251-3106-152-0151.
- 5.) Public Comment
- 6.) Other Business
- 7.) Next meeting date
- 8.) Adjournment

Darin Pagel
Zoning Administrator

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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MINUTES
May 26, 2020, 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Chairman Steve Hass, Alderman Mike Rick, Ron Burrows, Dean Haas, James Koebe, Jeremy Thompson, and Zoning Administrator Darin Pagel
Guests: Alderman Weix, Alderman Sabatke, Gary Schulz

Motion to approve November 18, 2019 minutes Mr. Rick, second Mr. Haas, carried.

Chairman Hass read the meeting notice and explained procedure.

First item on agenda is a variance request from Gary Schulz, 2100 Logan Ave. to construct a 6' high side yard fence. ZA Pagel explained the variance request.

Motion to open hearing Mr. Rick, second Mr. Haas, carried.

Alderman Sabatke spoke in favor of the variance stating it would improve the neighborhood and would give the owner privacy from the trail and he also read notes from the neighbors in support. No one spoke in opposition. Mr. Burrow asked how many people used the trail in that location. Mr. Schulz and Alderman Sabatke said it was very busy on the weekends.

Motion to close hearing Mr. Koebe, second Mr. Haas, carried.

Motion to approve variance by Mr. Koebe, second Mr. Haas, motion carried unanimously.

No public comment.

With no other business, Motion to adjourn Mr. Rick, second Mr. Haas, carried.

Meeting adjourned 7:06pm

Darin Pagel, Recording Secretary.

CITY OF MERRILL
1004 EAST FIRST STREET
MERRILL, WI 54452

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

All persons interested will be given an opportunity to be heard at a public hearing to be held by and before the Zoning Board of Appeals of the City of Merrill, Wisconsin, commencing at **6:30 p.m., on Tuesday, July 7, 2020, in the Council Chambers**, 1004 East First Street, Merrill, Wisconsin, on the following proposed matter, to wit;

- 1.) Cary & Rebecca Kerins, 600 S. Oregon Street, requesting a variance to M.M.C. Sec. 113-320, side yard fence height in a residential zone. Legally described in Tax# 251-3106-152-0151.

Anyone having any questions regarding the hearing should contact Zoning Administrator, Darin Pagel at 536-4880.

Dated: June 10, 2020

CITY OF MERRILL, WISCONSIN

By: 

William N. Heideman
City Clerk

**APPLICATION FOR ZONING VARIANCE
CITY OF MERRILL**

NAME: Cary + Rebecca Kerins STREET ADDRESS: 1000 S. Oregon St.
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 1000 S. Oregon St TAX ROLL#: _____
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: _____

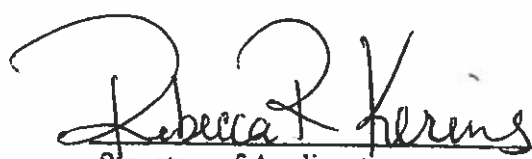
EXISTING USE: _____ PROPOSED USE: _____

REASONS FOR REQUESTING A VARIANCE: We would like to install a fence around the back and side of our house. This is actually the side and front of our lot. The reasons are issues with neighbors. Security,

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

1. Names and addresses of all abutting and opposite property owners within 100 feet of the property to be altered.
2. Evidence by the applicant of ownership or control of the property for which the variance is submitted.
3. Address and description of the property.
4. A site plan or survey plat, drawn to scale, showing an accurate depiction of the property, location of structures, and property lines within 100 feet of the parcel.
5. Other pertinent information that may be pertinent in considering the application.
6. FAILURE TO SUPPLY SUCH INFORMATION SHALL BE GROUNDS FOR DISMISSAL OF PETITION.
7. A fee of \$175.00 shall be paid to the Clerk-Treasurer at time of application.

All information submitted is accurate to the best of my knowledge.


Signature of Applicant 6/2/2020
Date

Cary and Rebecca Kerins

600 S. Oregon St
Merrill, WI 54452
(715)409-1025

06/01/2020

To whom it may concern,

We have lived in our house at 600 S. Oregon St. for 15 years. For the most part our family loves our house and loves living in the city. The only thing we don't appreciate about our house are the issues we have with the neighbors.

We constantly have issues with our neighbors because they treat their yard like a junkyard. There are multiple used and unused cars in the driveway, and garbage is usually piled up all over. There have been multiple complaints regarding this property reported to the City. The amount of trash in their yard has caused an increase in vermin around the area. Much of the time their garbage ends up on our lawn. They are very loud and have loud vehicles and music going daily and throughout the night. They have 4 weiner dogs that constantly run into our yard and attack our dogs or bark aggressively at my husband, my daughter, or me.

Security is also an issue. We would like to feel secure where we live. As I mentioned there are people going in and out of the neighbors house at all hours of the day. They have even had people living in their backyard in a tent. An enclosed privacy fence will give us the security we are looking for.

To help resolve the issues we are having with our neighbors we have decided to build a fence. We would like to build a 6 foot privacy fence along the side of our house that faces that neighbor. The fence will also wrap around my home office (I work from home) and help with keeping the noise down while my daughter is sleeping or doing homework. .

The fence will also give us more privacy when school is in session at Jefferson or when there are events at the school.

We have taken steps to beautify our backyard and have put a large non-refundable deposit down on a fence. It is scheduled to be installed mid July. We paid to have a licensed surveyor mark our lot to verify lot lines. We were not aware that the side of our house is actually the front of our house. When we moved in we were told Oregon Street was the front of our home. This fence would also improve the neighborhood. Please allow for a zoning variance so we can have our fence installed and we can enjoy our yard.

Sincerely,

Cary and Becky Kerins

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