

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
AMES ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

AMES, IOWA

AUGUST 27, 2025

The Ames Zoning Board of Adjustment met, pursuant to law, in Regular Session at 6:00 p.m. on July 23, 2025, in the Council Chambers of City Hall. The following members were present: Matthew Koehler, Julie Kruse, Caleb Whitehouse (phone); absent Marshall McDaniel, Leah Patton. Also, present were Assistant City Attorney Victoria Feilmeyer, City Planner Parker Walsh.

Caleb Whitehouse, Vice Chair gave authority to Julie Kruse as Acting Chair.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES JULY 23, 2025

Moved by Koehler second by Whitehouse to approve the minutes of the July 23, 2025, Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting. Vote on Motion: (3-0). Motion declared passed.

Ms. Kruse stated that the second item on the agenda was a public hearing for a variance at 1005 Yuma Avenue which has been withdrawn. Kelly Diekmann, Planning Director stated that the applicant asked to have the item withdrawn from consideration after notice went out to everyone. They intend to meet the fence requirements and make the adjustments.

CASE NO. 25-08

A request for a Variance to reduce the side setbacks for a two-story home from eight feet to six feet along the south property line and four feet along the north property line at 216 N Hazel. (Parcel Number 09-03-455-160)

Ms. Kruse stated that our Board member who is at the meeting via the phone has a personal relationship with the applicant at 216 N Hazel is recusing himself. Caleb Whitehouse said due to his personal relationship he does want to recuse himself. Ms. Kruse stated since there are only three members in attendance and only two available to vote on this item. It will be continued until the next meeting. Mr. Diekmann stated that the next meeting available is September 10 or later. We will let the applicant respond regarding that date.

Moved by Koehler to continue this item until September 10. Second by Kruse.

Vote on Motion: (3-0). Motion declared passed.

CASE NO. 25-09

Public Hearing on a request for a Variance to the eight-foot side yard setback in the (RL) Residential Low Density Zoning District at 1420 & 1422 Coolidge Drive (Parcel Number 05-34-400-170).

Mr. Diekmann stated that when the applicant was made aware that there wasn't a full Board for the meeting tonight they asked to continue the item until the next meeting, as the Code does allow for this continuance. They are wanting an opportunity to have more Board members.

Moved by Koehler to continue this item until September 10 or the next available meeting. Second by Kruse.

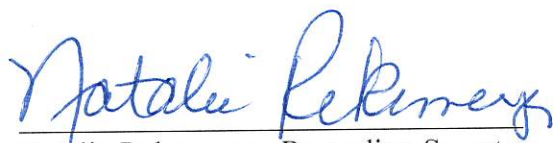
Vote on Motion: (3-0). Motion passed.

Mr. Diekmann stated that with two pending items and these two items continued we will be contacting the Board to make sure we can get a full Board present at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Koehler second by Whitehouse to adjourn the meeting at 6:08 PM.

Vote on Motion: (3-0). Motion passed.

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Natalie Rekemeyer, Recording Secretary

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Julie Kruse".

Julie Kruse, Acting Chair