



Village of Shorewood  
Board of Appeals Meeting Minutes  
March 14, 2023

**1. Call to Order**

Clerk Harrell called the meeting to order at 5:32pm.

**2. Roll Call**

Present: Chair Wendy Smith, Cole Heinrich, Michael Paulson, Inspector Burris, jon Toutenhoofd, Clerk Harrell

**Statement of Public Notice**

Clerk Harrell stated that the meeting was properly noticed and posted according to law.

**3. Consideration of meeting minutes—January 10, 2023**

Chair Smith asked if there were any corrections to be made. Seeing none. The minutes were approved.

**4. Attorney to review standards by which the Board of Appeals must abide**

Chair Smith reviewed the standards by which members of the Board of Appeals should abide.

- 5. Request for a variance of Village Code 225-8 B. (5) to retain the five-foot-tall decorative steel fence at the School District 4 (also known as Lake Bluff Elementary School) property, located at 1600 E. Lake Bluff Blvd. Legal Description: REV & CONS PLAT OF SHOREWOOD GARDENS SE 1/4 4-7-22 E., BLK 2 in the Village of Shorewood, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin. Tax ID: 240-0197-000.** No representatives for the applicant, nor the applicant were present. Chair Smith asked the members of the board if there should be time extended for the applicant to arrive. The member of the board agreed to give the applicant until 5:40pm to arrive. The applicant arrived at 5:38pm. Inspector Burris gave sworn testimony of the applicant's request along with the plans and the notice that was sent to the applicant on January 17, 2023. Chair Smith opened the discussion to the board. Michael Paulson asked how the measurement was done. Inspector Burris stated that the line was properly measured.

Applicant, Phillip Cox gave sworn testimony as to why the request was made and noted that the 5ft height was a safer option for the 2–5-year-old children. Chair Smith.

Jon asked if this was an event that was a bid award and Phillip stated he was not involved in the scope of the fence and the fence was selected prior to the installation. Chair Smith reiterated the standards to the applicant and asked if there was anything unique or special circumstance and Philip reiterated the higher safety of the fence height, and it was proportionate to the surrounding area. Aesthetically, it was the better selection because of the higher quality.

Michael Paulson moved that the request for a variance of Village Code 225-8 B. (5) to retain the five-foot-tall decorative steel fence at the School District 4 (also known as Lake Bluff Elementary School) property, located at 1600 E. Lake Bluff Blvd be granted and it was seconded by Jon Toutenhoofd.

Chair Smith opened the meeting for discussion by members of the board. Jon asked Inspector Burris if the Shorewood School Board brought any of the and Inspector Burris stated the school board was aware of the request, but the request was made by (construction company). Jon questioned why this was approved and Inspector Burris stated that on the application the submission stated a 4 feet fence.

Jon agreed with Michael's points and stated gross negligence in the process of having a 5ft fence installed.

Cole stated he also agreed with the statements of Michael and Jon.

Motion carried by a vote of 3-1 (Smith abstain)

## **6. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 6:03pm

Respectfully submitted,



Toya Harrell