

Meeting of the Buffalo Ordinance Committee held October 14, 2020 at 3:00pm.

Committee heard from Mrs Polzin regarding her request for storage containers on her property. She had made a request to have a variance granted from the Board of Adjustments to have storage containers on her property. She owns approximately twenty acers of wooded and residential property. Considering the size of the property she is required to have additional and larger equipment to maintain the property. Her hardship is that the tax burden of an additional building would not fit into their budget. The Variance Board denied her request and she brought her case to the city Council. The City council concurred with the vote of the variance board however, recommended the ordinance to the committee for possible amendment.

The committee discussed, Miller explained that considering the size of her lot, in his opinion the ordinance could be amended. Buffington concurred.

Residents Jim Rogers and Will Havel were present and expressed that everyone should be allowed the same opportunity to have containers for storage. Rogers mentioned that they are more cost effective and they can be modified to look aesthetically appealing. With certain restrictions, example color, location, and size, the units would prevent people from having so many things stored outside.

Miller and Buffington did not object amending the ordinance to include containers in all locations pending restrictions.

Clerk directed to look at other community requirements and draft ordinance for November meeting first reading. Also check with the attorney about waiving the additional readings.

Clerk explained that the Park Board has two vacancies and has a person that lives in the School District but does not reside in Buffalo. Would the board be willing to amend the ordinance to permit members other than residents?

Miller and Buffington both agree that the idea would be great and directed the clerk to prepare an ordinance parallel with Blue Grass.

Motion by Miller to adjourn at 3:23, seconded by Buffington and carried.