

Minutes of the Board of Adjustment of the City of Buffalo, IA held May 27, 2021. Meeting called to order by Chair Jeff Moore at 6:00pm. Roll Call attendance was take, Erick Dibbern, Robin Guenther, Don Harland and Jeff Buchanan and Deputy City Clerk Judy Blessing.

Chair Moore opened the meeting by asking Lucas Wendell why he would like the 6' chain link fence in the front of his property. City Code does not allow 6' fences in the front of a residential property.

Wendell expressed that he would like the fence to go all the way to the road in order to access their total yard. He also has 2 (two) dogs that he needs to keep inside his yard, one being a husky and a 4' fence would not keep him in. He also wanted room for a garden and possible off street parking. His typical backyard is really his front yard because of the way his home is placed on the lot and there is not room for any of these things. Also, there is not actual front door facing Ash Street, so for them, it is their backyard.

Board Members addressed questions and comments to Mr. Wendell with the following responses:

Would you be going past the front of your neighbor's house? Yes, I would like to go to the street to utilize the whole yard.

Have you talked to your neighbors about putting the fence on the property line? Not really, but it has been staked and flagged so they know about it. One neighbor doesn't mind, the other wasn't happy about seeing the flags and stakes.

Everyone might want a 6' fence in their yard if we pass this and it wouldn't be a hardship if it was just for dogs. Is this a hardship? I believe it is, because of the placement of our house. We don't actually have a backyard like the neighbors.

Would you lose much if you only went to the front of your neighbor's house (1127 Ash)? Not too much. We just wanted to utilize the full yard. Because of where our house sits, our front of the house looks onto the alley. Neighbors backyards are a mess, broken down shack, tree limbs hanging and just junk. We want to look out the back to our yard and have a place for our dogs to be separated from the neighbors.

Would you be able to maintain the area on both sides of the fence? Yes, that wouldn't be a problem.

Members discussed that if Mr. Wendell only went to the front of 1127 Ash, others would not be coming to them to get a 6' fence also. They thought this was agreeable.

No residents appeared for discussion.

Motion by Moore to approve a 6' chain link fence to go no further than the front of the home on 1127 Ash, seconded by Harland.

Moore took roll call vote. Robin Guenther-yes, Eric Dibbern-yes, Don Harland-yes, Jeff Buchanan-yes

Meeting adjourned at 6:22pm