

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

La Crosse, WI
DECISION UPON APPEAL

Torrance Casting, Inc. having appealed from an order of the Building Inspector denying a permit with regard to a solid fence, barbed wire eight feet above grade, and barbed wire projecting outward

at a property known as: 3131 Commerce St., La Crosse, Wisconsin

and described as:

LACROSSE INTERSTATE INDUSTRIAL PARK ADDITION S 120.15FT LOT 2 ALL LOT 3 & N 33FT LOT 4 SUBJ TO RR ESMT OVER S 12.5FT LOT SZ: IRR

and due notice having been given by mail to all City of La Crosse property owners and lessees within 100 feet of the property which is the subject of this appeal, and similar notice having been published in the La Crosse Tribune more than five (5) days prior to the time of the hearing hereon, and testimony having been received and heard by said Board in respect thereto, and having been duly considered, and being fully advised in the premises,

WHEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED: That the decision of the Building Inspector be: Affirmed ☐ Reversed ☒

(See attached)

Dated this 17th of August, 2020

Date Filed: 21st of August, 2020

ATTEST

Teri Lehrke
 Teri Lehrke, Secretary

James Cherf
 James Cherf, Chair

Concurring:

Blair M. Spore
Douglas L. Farmer

George Kummer BY COMPUTER

Dissenting:

The decision of the Board may be appealed to circuit court within 30 days of the decision being filed pursuant to Wisconsin Statute sec. 62.23(7)(e)10.

NOTE: WORK SHALL BEGIN WITHIN 180 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF THIS DETERMINATION

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Farmer: I'll make a motion on application 2648, property 3131 commerce street, a motion to approve a portion of the fence to be constructed of solid materials and to allow barbed wire installed at a height of 8 feet as opposed to 10 feet to be pointed away from the property instead of toward the property. As I said in the discussion the unique property limitation while it is still one of the legs of the stool we have to approve, doesn't really apply in this case because we are addressing height and materials of the fence and the limitation does not have anything to do with that. I personally think that 8 feet versus 10 feet is open for discussion, it is all in the same area. The idea that you could get 99 percent of the security with 80 percent of the cost is a relatively sound argument. It is lost on me why the ordinance calls for the barbed wire to be facing in when every fence in America it's facing out. I would suggest to the planning department and inspection department that the ordinance be changed otherwise we'll have this issue over and over again. There would be no harm to the public interest because this fence would be consistent and similar to fences in that neighborhood. The unnecessary hardship is without the fence there would be less security. And I move for approval.

Second by Spies.

Concurring: James Cherf
 Douglas Farmer
 George Kimmett
 Delores Spies

Dissenting: None

Date Filed: August 21, 2020

Attest: Teri Lehrke, City Clerk