

Board of Adjustment Meeting Minutes  
9/24/2019  
Butler County Courthouse

**Present**

Board of Adjustment members:

Mark Gerdes  
Paul Leerhoff  
Jim Siebrands  
Jeff Reints

Others:

Misty Kroeze, Zoning Administrator  
Eva Mooty-DePriest

**Absent**

Fern Feldman

Mark Gerdes called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.

A motion to approve the Agenda and the minutes of the previous meeting dated August 27, 2019, was made by Paul Leerhoff and seconded by Jeff Reints. Motion passed.

**Old Business:**

None.

**Public Hearing:**

Chair Gerdes opened the public hearing on an application by Eva Mooty-DePriest for a variance to allow a mobile home at 24162 – 310<sup>th</sup> St located in the W½ NW¼ Section 21, Township 90 North, Range 16 West of the 5<sup>th</sup> P.M., which was tabled from the last meeting. Eva stated that after doing some checking, her original plan for the mobile home is still the same as she would not qualify for any assistance to add an addition to the house. She has found a company to move the trailer as well as a company to do concrete piers for it. Chair Gerdes made an inquiry to the Board regarding whether they had required things such as a permanent foundation with wheels and tongue removal in the past. Board Member Leerhoff was not sure if the Board had ever gotten to the point of actually approving a mobile home and the remainder of the Board could not recall. The Board discussed the mobile home ordinance and Administrator Kroeze confirmed that mobile homes are allowed as dwellings for farmers and/or hired hands actively engaged in a farming operation as well as for a limited time during the construction of a new house. Board Member Leerhoff inquired as to whether Eva had looked into moving the mobile home to the Pakersburg trailer court and Eva stated that she had not. Eva further stated that she had just bought her farm two years ago and with the amount of work and time needed to fix it up, she needs to have her daughter right there to easily care for her as her conditions are lifelong. Board Member Leerhoff inquired as to whether her daughter's condition will regress and whether she will eventually need more care. Eva described her daughter's conditions and confirmed that her condition will regress, but she does not foresee the need for her to be a care facility in the near future. Eva has a niece

and another daughter who are in the healthcare field who are willing to assist with bathing and other personal cares. There is still more diagnosing that needs to be done and she does not have all of the answers and does not know what the future holds for her daughter. Eva reiterated her need to have her daughter as close to her as possible to care for her while she still has her own space and can maintain some independence. Board Member Leerhoff inquired as to whether Eva's work schedule would allow for her to care for her daughter and Eva confirmed that she worked at her brother's auto repair shop in New Hartford so she was close enough and her schedule could be flexible if need be. Board Member Reints inquired as to whether there were any comments at the last hearing and Administrator Kroeze confirmed that there was only one neighbor present who was more interested in what the mobile home regulations were.

Discussion was had regarding putting a timeframe on the approval and concerns that if this were approved, where the line is drawn for approving mobile home requests. Discussion was had regarding who would track it if you did put a timeframe on the amount of time on the approval and it was determined that the Zoning Administrator would track that. Discussion was had regarding stipulations such as foundation, sale, annual review, septic and disposal. Discussion was had regarding whether the existing well would be used and Eva initially thought of drilling a new well, but may rethink that depending on cost.

A motion was made to approve the variance for a mobile home with an annual review by the Zoning Administrator to determine if circumstances have changed that would no longer allow the applicant's daughter to live in the mobile home, that if the daughter is no longer able to live in the mobile home or if the property transfers the mobile home will be disposed of, that the mobile home be secured on a permanent structure and that the mobile home be tied into the existing septic system per approval by the Board of Health and Zoning Administrator Kroeze by Jeff Reints and seconded by Jim Siebrands. Motion was unanimously approved.

**New Business:**

None.

Meeting adjourned.

  
Misty Kroeze, Zoning Administrator