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AUSTIN-MOWER COUNTY PLANNING DEPT.

March 27, 1980

MINUTES OF THE 37th MEETING OF THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Members Present: William Milbrath, Ken Trom, Conrad Stemson

Members Absent: M. E. Chesebrough

Others Present: Chris Huang, Dan Rogness

The 37th meeting of the Mower County Board of Adjustment was called to order at 4:00 p.m. on March 27, 1980. The minutes of the November 29, 1979 meeting were approved as mailed on a motion by Mr. Milbrath and seconded by Mr. Stemson. The motion passed unanimously.

Vogel Outdoor Advertising-Billboard Sign Square Footage Variance: This was a request from Helen Halverson of Vogel Outdoor Advertising for a square footage variance to allow a 624 square foot sign to be constructed. A variance exists of 124 feet, since the Mower County Zoning Ordinance requires a maximum size of 500 square feet. Vogel Outdoor Advertising owns a parcel of land in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 21, Lansing Township, located on TH 218 North.

The Board of Adjustment reviewed the criteria for granting a variance and it was concluded as follows:

1. Hardships would be incurred by the petitioner because of size inconsistency with other billboard units.
2. There are exceptional circumstances to the property since the property is long and narrow and useless for any other purpose except for a sign location.
3. The granting of the variance will cause no detrimental effects to the surrounding property or zone.
4. The location of the sign would be on a divided four lane highway. Interstate 90 also a divided highway, allows signs up to 650 square feet.

After some discussion, Mr. Stemson made a motion to approve the state variance, seconded by Mr. Milbrath and unanimously approved.

Mr. Trom indicated to the Board that the petition for variances by Mr. Arnold Schwamm, which were tabled at the November 29, 1979 meeting were withdrawn by Mr. Schwamm. Fred Wellmann, Mower County Attorney, had ruled that Mr. Schwamm did not need the variances for his property, Outlot 2 in the Lewis Feeley Addition.

There being no further business, on a motion by Mr. Milbrath, seconded by Mr. Stemson, the meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Rogness, Secretary