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The Buffalo, IA Zoning Board of Adjustment met on Thursday, May 02, 1996, at 6:33 p.m. at City Hall with Chairman Dick Abbott presiding. Present were members Jeff Moore and Clarence Secord. Absent were Leota Buffington and Robin Guenther.

Purpose of the meeting was to consider a request from Willard Farnum, Jr., of 229 Hacker Street for a variance for a garage he is building at that address to store a boat in. The City Code currently allows a maximum height of 8'4½", (eight feet four and one half inches) for sidewalls. He requested a variance for ten (10) foot high sidewalls to allow a larger door for the storage. Three letters had been received from neighbors approving the variance. No one was present at the meeting to speak against the variance, and no letters had been received against the variance.

After considerable discussion, motion was made by Secord and Moore to recommend to the City Council to grant the variance as requested. All members present voted yes. Absent, Buffington and Guenther. Motion carried.

The Board recommended the City Council and any necessary committee consider amending the ordinance to allow for larger doors and sidewalls to accommodate boats and campers or motor homes, thus getting some of them off the streets, and having more security for them. The present maximum size for a garage is 26' X 30', and that seems to be sufficient. Some "pole barns" are now made to be attractive with various exteriors that can match nearby homes or buildings.

Motion by Abbott and Moore to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 p.m. All present voted yes. Absent, Buffington and Guenther. Motion carried.

Signed: _____

Dick Abbott, Chairman
Zoning Board of Adjustment

Attest: Carol A. Bernauer

Carol A. Bernauer, City Clerk