

**Minutes  
Town of Oshkosh  
Board of Appeals Meeting –Oct 21, 2021**

**BOA Meeting at Town Hall**

**Acting Chair Beth McCormick called the Public Hearing to order at 6:05 pm at the Town of Oshkosh Town Hall. This meeting was duly posted as class 2 Public Notice by the Town of Oshkosh Clerk. The last notice was more than 7 days ago.**

PRESENT at the BOA Public Hearing, Town of Oshkosh Town Hall:  
BOA Acting Chair Beth (Erdman) McCormick, Members alternate Rebecca Wright and Recording Secretary, MaryAnn Monteith second alternate. There was an audience of eight.

Motion to accept single item agenda: Rebecca Wright, Second, MaryAnn Monteith. Carried unanimously.

**Agenda item: Conditional Use request from Applicant Patricia Sorenson 3241 Brooks Rd, Oshkosh, WI 54901. ENCL 1. Applicant requests conditional use for property currently zoned A2 with 4.41 acres and existing structures for a hobby farm, to allow for animals on the property, which is under 5 acres.**

1. All BOA members previously received a copy of the conditional use request including coversheet, agenda and notification list (**Enclosure 1**).
2. Acting Chair McCormick opened the hearing for questions, comments and discussion.

Patricia Sorenson 3241 Brooks Rd, Oshkosh (owner) presented a summary of the request. She is selling the property that has historically been used as a hobby/horse farm. The property has been used for horses since her husband's ownership, with well-maintained horse safe fences, pasture and barns. This historical use well predates the current Town of Oshkosh ordinance that required 5 acres for such user. Usage was grandfathered at the time the current 5 acre ordinance was put in place. Usage as a hobby/horse farm is consistent with surrounding properties.

Marcia Ortiz, friend and Realtor of the owner, Patricia Sorenson. The potential buyers want to be assured that the usage as a hobby farm can continue as historically used under their new ownership.

Chuck Anderson 1160 Freedom Ave Oshkosh, WI is the potential buyer, and wants the ability to continue to utilize the properties historic use as a hobby farm, with assurances that right will continue under their future ownership.

Jim Erdman, 2492 Hickory Ln, Oshkosh, Town of Oshkosh Chairman stated that he had spoken with Cary Rowe regarding use without restriction, and that the number of animals would be governed by the County ordinance. Jim noted that historic use would be carried with the property based on the decision of the BOA. The requested use is consistent with the property history and the surrounding properties.

Carol Kaufman, Zoning Administrator, 2677 Indian Point Rd, Oshkosh, noted that she had also spoken with Cary Rowe. She had received many calls about the BOA meeting notice posting at the property. All those who called Carol were in favor of the continued conditional use as a hobby farm.

Deliberation. Rebecca Wright made a motion to grant the conditional use as requested, without restriction, for 4.41 acres as historically used, to carry forward regardless of ownership. The property is clearly set up as a hobby/horse farm with buildings and horse safe fences, with this use predating the current ordinance. The potential buyer wants to assure their ability to continue the historical use as a hobby farm. Second by MaryAnn Monteith. Roll call vote -- approval was unanimous.

There was no further business-- Motion to adjourn, MaryAnn Monteith; Second, Rebecca Wright. Roll call vote unanimous.

Acting Chairman McCormick adjourned the meeting at 6:25 pm.

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MaryAnn Monteith  
Secretary for Board of Appeals