

Edwin Peterson III stated it's his wife's mother actually. She has been living with them for about four (4) years now. They had made plans; she was going to move into that new living facility in Valpo, the one they just built next to Aldi then she decided to come up to his wife one day and said she didn't want to leave here and she wanted to stay with them for forever. He told his wife that the only way that he'd be willing to do that is to do something like this. She had a major stroke and she has aphasia so it's very hard for her to communicate. Very hard. So, he thinks that he and his wife living with her for so long, they know what she's trying to say most of the time. So, it's probably in the best interest that she stays on the property with them. So, this is what they came up with and this is what they decided. They have been saving for a pole barn for a while now anyway. He figured why not do a pole barn and living quarters and here they are.

No remonstrators present.

Vern Schafer stated he appreciates his plan. It has everything pretty much down to detail, but what exactly is the square footage of the living space.

Edwin Peterson III stated the living quarters is not going to be much more than what LaPorte County requires. It's just over a thousand square feet (1,000²). He thinks for living quarters it is eight hundred (800²), correct?

Vern Schafer stated it's close. He sees the drawing here he has. It's pretty simple. There's a living room, kitchen, bathroom, and bedroom.

Edwin Peterson III stated correct. She's going to have a bathroom, her bedroom, a small kitchen, but she will have running water. He already got a soil sample for a septic because he knows that he can't tap into the septic for his house. He's actually been talking to a bunch of guys today when they did the soil sample. They said he has to install a seven hundred fifty (750) gallon septic tank. They are going to do it one hundred percent (100%) right and the way they want them to do it. The only variance they are asking for is the extra two hundred square feet (200²). It's a little over that if they say eight hundred (800²); he thinks it's like a thousand twenty (1,020²).

Melissa Mullins Mischke stated she thinks that's okay.

Edwin Peterson III stated it is just barely over a thousand (1,000²).

Melissa Mullins Mischke stated if they were to approve this petition, he needs to understand that when Mom's not here with them anymore, there's no renting of the facility. It's strictly for your parent.

Edwin Peterson III stated okay. If there's like another family member that wanted to move in there, but not as a rent, like them helping another family member out, is that okay?

Melissa Mullins Mischke stated that would be fine.

Edwin Peterson III stated okay. That would literally be the only exception or the only thing that he thinks would happen. They would never rent it out.

Melissa Mullins Mischke asked if Ernie has any questions.

Ernie Schmidt stated the drawing shows that the windows are too small for egress and they're going to need a fire separation wall.

Edwin Peterson III stated there will be a fire separation wall. We have that in the plans. As far as an egress window goes, he knows that it needs that, but he wasn't aware that it wasn't in the drawing. He will definitely make sure to have that in the drawing plan.

Melissa Mullins Mischke stated she thinks he's saying that the existing window size does not meet egress requirements. So, he's going to work on that with the Building Department anyway, and they're going to do inspections, so he'll be notified.

Edwin Peterson III stated yes.

Melissa Mullins Mischke stated definitely take a look at that.

Edwin Peterson III stated okay, absolutely.

Melissa Mullins Mischke asked if John had any questions.

John Carr stated no, he is good.

John Carr made a motion to approve the Petition for Variance of Developmental Standards for Edwin L Peterson III & Ashley Dawn Peterson for construction of an accessory structure with living quarters for the elderly parents. This property is located at 5821 W. 1375 S., Hanna, IN., Hanna Twp., zoned A on 2.0 acres.

Ernie Schmidt seconded.

All Approved. Motion carries 5-0.

Melissa Mullins Mischke asked for any new business.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m.



Melissa Mullins Mischke, President



Michael Polan, Recording Secretary