

BARRON COUNTY ZONING

Board of Adjustment Meeting Minutes June 22, 2026, 9:00 a.m.

Present: Board of Adjustment: Amy Kelsey, Dan North, Keith Hardie, and Gary Nelson and Carol Moen. **County Personnel:** David Gifford & Becky Melton.

Chair Nelson called the Board of Adjustment to order at 9:00 a.m. and called roll. Melton confirmed that proper posting of the notice was done in accordance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law.

Motion: (Hardie/Kelsey) to approve the agenda; carried. **Motion: (Moen/North)** to approve the minutes of June 8, 2026; carried.

Public Comment: None.

9:00 a.m. | Appeal #4016: Steven C & Kimberly L Sevals Property owners request a variance to construct an accessory structure located with a reduced setback to an easement in a Residential-1 district.

Nelson opened the hearing and read the public notice. The Board reviewed the file and received testimony from the applicant. **Motion: (Kelsey/North)** to include Appeal 3839; carried. Gifford presented a staff report. Public testimony was received. No written correspondence was received. Town Consideration Form entered into testimony. After Board question and discussion, **Motion: (Kelsey/Hardie)** to close testimony; carried. **Motion: (Kelsey/Hardie)** to approve the variance as presented with the following conditions:

1. All licenses and permits are obtained prior to operation, and all testimony, oral and written, is part of the decision.
2. Maximum size of the accessory structure is 24 feet by 30 feet with 1 foot overhangs.
3. A minimum of 8 foot setback that will be realized from the existing recorded easement.
4. All other setbacks will be met.

Motion carried 5-0

9:10 a.m. | Appeal #4017: Bruce E & Roberta Crotteau, (Owners); John Blaskowski, (Agent), Requests variance to allow an accessory structure located with a reduced setback to a town road and the ordinary high water mark of the Red Cedar River, in Recreational Residential district.

Nelson opened the hearing and read the public notice. The Board reviewed the file and received testimony from the applicant. Gifford provided a staff report. No public testimony was received, oral or written. Correspondence from Susan Vanden Langenberg with the WI DNR was entered into testimony. Town Consideration Form entered into testimony. **Motion: (Moen/Kelsey)** to close testimony; carried. **Motion: (Kelsey/North)** to deny the variance request.

1. The applicant does not meet all 3 required criteria to grant the variance.
2. The applicant has reasonable use of the property such as access to the Red Cedar River and other allowable uses.

3. All testimony written and oral testimony was received and is part of the decision.

Motion carried 4-1.

9:20 a.m. | Appeal #4018: GPRL LLC, Michael & Deanna Hessling, property owners request a special exception to host various private and social events such as weddings, reunions, and retreats and to construct an additional accessory structure to support resort operations in a Recreational Residential District.

Nelson opened the hearing and read the public notice. The Board reviewed the file and received testimony from the applicant. **Motion: (Kelsey/North)** to include Appeals 3919, 2730, 2578, 2293, 1463 and 996; carried. Gifford presented a staff report. No public testimony was received, oral or written. Town Consideration Form entered into testimony. **Motion: (Kelsey/Hardie)** to close testimony; carried. **Motion: (Kelsey/North)** to approve the special exception as presented with the following conditions:

1. All licenses and permits are obtained prior to operation, and all testimony, oral and written, is part of the decision.
2. The proposed structure is 32 foot by 52 foot building with a covered open-sided walkway that is 126 foot long by 26 foot wide.
3. The maximum capacity for the event buildings is 300 guest.
4. Appropriate parking will be established to accommodate the number of guest.

Motion carried 5-0.

Report from L.S. Director: N/A.

Next Board of Adjustment Meeting: July 13, 2026.

Motion: (Kelsey/Moen) to adjourn the meeting at 12:30 p.m.; carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Becky Melton, Administrative Assistant