

**MINUTES  
CITY OF MARENGO  
BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT  
Thursday, March 26, 2026**

**Call to Order** by City Clerk/Administrator Ellen O'Rourke, at 4:30 p.m. on March 26, 2026. Officials Present: Bill Wyant, Adam Rabe, Jerry McKusker, Tom Voigtman, Tyler Mangold and Kegan Cameron. Absent: Larry Fiser. O'Rourke declared a quorum.

**Staff and Press Present:** City Zoning Administrator Ellen O'Rourke, City Attorney Gage Kensler, Mayor Travis Schlabach.

**Members of the Public Present:** Cullen Yardley and Kelly Kopetzky.

**Approval of Agenda – March 26, 2026**

Motion by Rabe to approve the agenda. Second by Wyant. Ayes: Wyant, Rabe, McKusker, Voigtman, Mangold, Cameron.

Nays: None. Motion Carried.

**New Business**

- a. **Public Hearing to Consider Granting Permitted Use, Lot/Yard Requirements for New Building Construction on Parcel ID# 731410010 (locally known as 595 Howard Avenue) and Zoned R-1 – Residential.** Open the Public Hearing at 4:31 p.m. Ryan gave an overview of what he was wanting to build. Kensler explained how the garage was not meeting the zoning setbacks and then addressed the board on the legalities to justify granting a variance. Rabe stated that existing buildings were not meeting requirements but were done before setbacks were put into place. Yardley voiced his concerns with the existing outbuilding already butting up to his property and this garage would essentially be doing the same thing causing the stuff stored behind them to be even closer to his property. Voigtman asked if he would be willing to shrink the garage or move it to the north. McKusker liked the idea of moving it to the north twelve feet and lining up with existing house. Rabe would like to see it lined up with house as well. Ryan said he would be fine with moving it to the north but didn't think it would look as good. Yardley said he would be fine with being moved to the north and lined up with the house but believes we have ordinances in place for a reason to protect the surrounding properties. Public Hearing closed at 4:54 p.m. A motion was made by Voigtman to grant a variance to line the south side of the garage up with the existing house and to move the garage to the north. Second by Wyant. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Wyant, Rabe, McKusker, Voigtman, Mangold, Cameron. Nays: None. Motion Carried

**Adjournment**

Motion by Wyant. Second by McKusker to adjourn at 4:58 p.m. Ayes: Wyant, Rabe, McKusker, Voigtman, Mangold, Cameron. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

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Attest: Ellen O'Rourke, City Administrator