



**ITASCA COUNTY
PLANNING COMMISSION/BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

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Wednesday, 10/13/2021

10:30 A.M.

Itasca County Boardroom

The regular meeting of the Itasca County Planning Commission/Board of Adjustment (PC/BoA) was held on 10/13/2021 at 10:30 a.m. * in the County Board Room of the Courthouse with the following in attendance:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lisa Maasch, Richard Kortekaas, Dan Butterfield, Mike Bellomy, Mike Oja;

ABSENT: None;

EXOFFICIO: Environmental Services Director Dan Swenson;

GUESTS: Jarod Almquist.

*Members met at the Courthouse at 8:30 a.m. to view the property and then returned to the Courthouse to hold the meeting.

Chair Maasch called the Planning Commission/Board of Adjustment meeting to order, opening with the Pledge of Allegiance. Copies of the agenda and opening statement were available for the audience.

Agenda. The David CUP review update and WPIC report were added to the agenda and moved to the beginning of the meeting.

Minutes. Upon the motion of Kortekaas/Butterfield, which carried unanimously, the minutes of the 9/8/2021 hearing were approved as distributed.

There was discussion regarding ICTV recording the PCBA meetings and it was noted that they have not recorded any meetings since 2017. It was the consensus that recording the meetings at this time was not necessary due to the minimal number of applications received.

David CUP Review (for Salvage Yard) Update—S ½ of SE NE and NE SE, Section 31, Bigfork Township 61-26 (Bigfork River) Gustave & Marilyn David. This review was tabled at the 9/8/2021 meeting until May 2022 with the request that there be monthly updates. Members reviewed information (which included correspondence and photos showing progress) submitted by Robert Sjostrand, with the Itasca Area Development Corporation, who is working with Mr. David on a plan to bring the permit into compliancy.

David & Jeff Almquist/Variance— Lot 1, Block 2, Little Long Lake Homesites, Section 36, Unorganized Township 58-26, submitted an application for variance from Section 5.6.7F of the Zoning Ordinance for construction of a 12'x24' dwelling addition to be located 30' from the Ordinary High Water Level (OHWL) and installation of a holding tank 85' from the OHWL of Little Long Lake, Natural Environment 3 Class. Mr. Swenson discussed buffer requirements and noted the existing shoreland buffer needs to be increased by 50%. Jarod Almquist was present as representative and explained the variance is needed to provide handicap accessibility for a family member. Kortekaas/Oja motioned to close the meeting to public input. There was discussion and Member Butterfield commented that he had some concerns since he thought there were other options for the addition. Chair Maasch reopened the meeting to amend the variance for holding tank to be located 76' from OHWL since that was the setback shown on the sketch submitted by the septic designer.

Motion: Bellomy/Butterfield motioned to recommend approval of the variance application submitted by David & Jeff Almquist for construction of a dwelling addition to be located 30' from the OHWL and installation of a holding tank 76' (as amended) from the OHWL of Little Long Lake as set forth in the 10/8/2021 staff report. Motion carried unanimously.

Condition/s: 1) Comply with Best Management Practices during construction;
2) Consult with SWCD to obtain a plan to improve the lakeshore buffer.

Mr. Swenson explained the appeal process and final processing of the variance to the representative.

Other:

Water Plan Implementation Committee Report (WPIC). Member Butterfield reported that more information on the 1W1P will be submitted to the County Board at their 10/19 meeting. The County Board had previously voted in favor of the plan (3:2 in favor – DeNucci/Ives voted Nay) and there is funding already in place.

Mr. Swenson discussed information regarding other counties' variance applications and noted that St. Louis County has had 35 applications, Carlton County - 20, Cass - 55 and Itasca County only 6 variance applications (through September of this year).

At 11:23 a.m. Chair Maasch adjourned the meeting.

By: _____
Diane Nelson, Recording Secretary