



ITASCA COUNTY
PLANNING COMMISSION/BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
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Wednesday, 9/14/2022

11:00 A.M.

Itasca County Boardroom

The regular meeting of the Itasca County Planning Commission/Board of Adjustment (PC/BoA) was held on Wednesday, 9/14/2022, at 11:00 a.m. * in the County Board Room of the Courthouse with the following in attendance:

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

ABSENT: None;

EXOFFICIO: Environmental Services Director Dan Swenson;

GUESTS: Greg & Valerie Enkhaus.

*Members met at the Courthouse at 8:00 a.m. to view the property and then returned to the Courthouse to hold the meeting.

Chair Bellomy 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. It was noted that the Haben variance (tabled at the August hearing) was removed from the agenda since they withdrew their application as were able to find another garage option which would not require a variance.

Minutes. Upon the motion of Kortekaas/Butterfield, which carried unanimously, the minutes of the 8/10/2022 hearing were approved as distributed.

Gregory & Valerie Enkhaus/Variance—Part of Lot 9, Section 5, Unorganized Township 59-25 (Parcel #59-005-3401)—submitted a variance application for construction of a 28'x48' garage to be located 34' from the centerline of White Pine Trail. Greg & Valerie Enkhaus were present and discussion included they would like to develop the parcel and a variance is needed for the garage since it cannot meet both the centerline and OHWL setback; clarified their variance request is for the 28'x48' proposed garage to be constructed 34' (measured from eaves) from centerline and would agree to install gutters on the garage to direct runoff toward the road. They also clarified the dwelling would not need a variance from the road setback (and amended the application accordingly). Mr. Hackett's concerns were discussed; there is no bluff/steep slope and applicant was not aware of any pipe. Butterfield/Kortekaas motioned to close the public portion of the meeting which carried unanimously.

Motion: Oja/Butterfield to approve the amended variance application submitted by Gregory & Valerie Enkhaus for construction of a 28'x48' garage to be located 34' (measured from eaves) from the centerline of White Pine Trail as set forth in the 9/9/2022 staff report. Motion carried unanimously.

Condition/s: 1) Comply with Best Management Practices;
2) Install gutters on garage.

Water Plan Implementation Committee (WPIC) Report. Member Butterfield reported discussion included chloride training/smart salting workshop/County use of salt; 1W1P fundraising activity in the Deer River area; and at-large members. There was also discussion of the Bowstring River oxygen impairment and noted it was due to natural causes—lower water levels.

At 11:30 a.m., Chair Bellomy adjourned the meeting.

By: _____
Diane Nelson, Recording Secretary