



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

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Wednesday, 5/10/2023

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, 5/10/2023, at 11:00 a.m. * in the County Board Room of the Courthouse with the following in attendance:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Richard Kortekaas, Mike Bellomy, Mike Oja, Lisa Maasch;
ABSENT: Dan Butterfield;
EXOFFICIO: Environmental Services Director Dan Swenson,
GUESTS: Brennan Olson

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

Vice-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. Upon the motion of Bellomy/Kortekaas, which carried unanimously, the agenda was approved as distributed and motion carried unanimously.

Minutes. Upon the motion of Kortekaas/Bellomy, which carried unanimously, the minutes of the 3/8/2023 hearing were approved as distributed.

Brennan Olson/After-the-Fact Variance—(S 660' of W 330' of NE SW, Section 2, Morse Township 145-25, Parcel #29-102-3102) — submitted an variance application for variance from Sections 5.6.7H and 3.8.1C.3 of the Zoning Ordinance for a 24'x14' dwelling/12'x14' deck constructed 90' from the Ordinary High Water Level (OHWL) of a tributary and a 12'x20' garage constructed 52' from the centerline of Juniper Road. Brennan Olson was present and discussed his variance request and his comments included that he didn't know he needed a permit for that size structure and didn't think there were any requirements for a garage. He confirmed the small shed will be moved to meet required setbacks. Bellomy/Oja motioned to close the public portion of the meeting which carried unanimously. There was discussion and meeting was reopened for further discussion with applicant. Various GIS maps were reviewed on the overhead screen, measurements estimated and discussed; it was noted the GIS map is only a tool and not 100% accurate. Member Bellomy questioned if the garage needed a variance and could be moved to meet setbacks. There was further discussion which included the feasibility of moving the garage and concerns it may not meet the OHWL setback and would be located in a lower area of the property.

Motion: Maasch/Kortekaas motioned to approve the after-the-fact variance for the 24'x14' dwelling/12'x14' deck constructed 90' from the OHWL of a tributary and a 12'x20' garage constructed 52' from the centerline of Juniper Road as set forth in the 5/5/2023 staff report. Motion was approved by majority vote (3:1); Ayes: Maasch, Kortekaas, Oja; Nay: Bellomy.

Condition/s: 1) The 8'x10' shed shall be moved to meet required setbacks.

At 12:00 p.m., Vice-Chair Maasch adjourned the meeting.

By: _____

Diane Nelson, Recording Secretary