



ITASCA COUNTY
PLANNING COMMISSION/BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
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Wednesday, 2/14/2024

11:30 A.M.

Itasca County Boardroom

The regular meeting of the Itasca County Planning Commission/Board of Adjustment (PC/BoA) was held on Wednesday, 2/14/2024, at 11:30 a.m.* in the County Board Room of the Courthouse with the following in attendance:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mike Bellomy, Richard Kortekaas, Dan Butterfield;
ABSENT: Lisa Maasch, Mike Oja;
EXOFFICIO: Environmental Services Director Katie Benes;
GUESTS: Brian Oswald & Patty Tholen-Oswald

*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 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. Upon the motion of Butterfield/Kortekaas, which carried unanimously, the agenda was approved as distributed and motion carried unanimously.

Minutes. Upon the motion of Butterfield/Kortekaas, which carried unanimously, the minutes of the 1/10/2024 hearing were approved as distributed.

Brian Oswald & Patty Tholen-Oswald/Variance—Part of Lot 2, Section 3, Unorganized Township 147-26 (Parcel #77-003-2210) — submitted a variance application for variance from Sections 5.6.7B and 3.8.1C of the Zoning Ordinance for construction of a 26'x40' garage to be located 61' from the Ordinary High Water Level (OHWL) of Sand Lake, Recreational Development 2 Class, and 51' from the centerline of County Road 155. Correspondence dated 2/13/2024) from Karin Grandia, Itasca County Engineer, was added to the record (PCBA 08). There was discussion regarding the shoreline buffer, Vice-Chair Bellomy commented that the lake depth fluctuates, and vegetation could be difficult to maintain—it was noted the buffer could include a no-mow zone. Brian Oswald and Patty Tholen-Oswald were present and discussed their variance request for a garage needed for secure storage. Details of the proposed garage were discussed, and applicants noted there would be 40' roof trusses, eaves would be located on the east/west sides of the garage, and they have not yet discussed their proposed plan with a contractor. There was also discussion of amending the application to include a variance from the side property line setback if needed and applicants requested their application be tabled so they could consult with a contractor. Butterfield/Kortekaas motioned to table the application until the March meeting and motion carried unanimously.

Other:

Water Plan Implementation Committee (WPIC) Report. Member Butterfield reported there was discussion of the upcoming water plan and Bigfork watershed meeting later in February.

Tom Nelson was present and requested that televising the PCBA meetings again be considered. He also mentioned that watershed funding may become available to be used by boards for mitigation incentives/recommendations.

At 12:00 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.

By: _____
Diane Nelson, Recording Secretary