MEETING MINUTES
POPE COUNTY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
Thursday, March 25, 2021

The Board of Adjustment convened (in person) in regular session on Thursday, March 25, 2021. In an effort to comply with MDH recommendations issued with the declared Peacetime Emergency in response to the spread of COVID-19 (coronavirus) in MN, applicants and members of the public were provided the opportunity to participate in person or via telephone conference call.

Members Present: Roger Isdahl, Ronald Feigum, Ivie Cooley, John Messenger, Brian Jergenson and Mark Halls

Other Officials Present: David Green (Land & Resource Management Director), Shelley Cameron (Sr. Administrative Associate), Larry Lindor (County Commissioner) and Cody Rogahn (County Commissioner)

The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Cooley at precisely 6:02 p.m.

Additions and Corrections to the Agenda

There was no additions or corrections to the agenda.

Review minutes of February 25, 2021

The minutes of the Board of Adjustment meeting that was held on February 25, 2021 were submitted for approval. Motion to accept the minutes as written was made by Jergenson. Seconded by Feigum. motion carried.

Variance-Eric & Andrea Dingmann

Chairwoman Cooley introduces the item. Applicants Eric & Andrea Dingmann are present. Director Green presents staff report and indicates staff does not object to the issuance of a variance with conditions as stated in staff report. Chairwoman Cooley asks for any additional comments from the applicant. Eric Dingmann states "David Green pretty much covered everything." Andrea Dingmann states "we are trying to be reasonable and ensure that it will be a residential structure that will not look out of place and will look aesthetically pleasing in the neighborhood." Chairwoman Cooley opens to the public asking "is there anyone speaking in favor of this variance?" None noted. Chairwoman Cooley asks "is there anyone speaking against this variance?" None noted. Chairwoman Cooley closes the public hearing. Comments from the site team indicate that they have no objections or concerns. Chairwoman Cooley seeks a motion. Messenger states "based upon the information as presented in the staff report and facts as gathered this evening, I move to approve of the variance request to locate a structure at the reduced setback of 100 feet from the ordinary high-water level of a natural environment lake limited to the conditions as identified in the staff report." Isdahl seconded. Motion carried with no dissenting votes noted.

Variance-Mark & Katherine Hoien

Chairwoman Cooley introduces the item. Applicants Mark & Katherine Hoien are present. Director Green presents staff report and indicates staff does not object to the issuance of a variance with conditions as stated in staff report. There is discussion about having the applicants trying to vacate part or all of the dedicated road right-of-way (R.O.W). Chairwoman Cooley asks for any additional comments from the applicant. Applicant Mark Hoien states "we have partnered with Erickson's and secured an attorney to start the process to vacate the road R.O.W along with signatures from other surrounding neighbors. We do have an easement that we use as a road and driveway. The easement is in our purchase agreement that we will all be able to use. As far as the comments that were received from Betty Anderson, we will plan to reach out to her to address her comments and concerns." Chairwoman Cooley asks for comments from the site team. Messenger states "vacating the road R.O.W is the logical course and appears to be reasonable." Chairwoman Cooley seeks a motion. Jergenson states "based upon the information as presented in the staff report and facts as gathered this evening, I move to approve of the variance request to locate a structure at reduced setback from a road right of way and from the ordinary high water level setback standards limited to the conditions as identified in the staff report." Feigum seconded. Motion carried with no dissenting votes noted.

Tabled/Old Business

There was no additions or corrections to the agenda.

Adjournment 7:17 p.m. Motion by Messenger to adjourn the Board of Adjustment meeting. Motion Seconded by Isdahl. Motion carried with no dissenting votes noted.

Respectfully submitted,

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