

Le Sueur County, MN

Thursday, September 21, 2017 Regular Session

Item 4

Bruss Packet

Staff Contact: Kathy Brockway or Michelle Mettler

VARIANCE STAFF REPORT

GENERAL INFORMATION

APPLICANT/OWNER:

Stan & Kathryn Bruss

911 ADDRESS:

21894 Woodduck Ln

VARIANCE REQUEST:

To allow the applicant to construct a single-family dwelling 25 feet from the road Right-Of-Way

(ROW).

VARIANCE NUMBER:

17295

PARCEL NUMBER:

04.490.0150

SITE INFORMATION

LOCATION:

Lot 18, Block 1, Clark's Beach Subdivision, Section

ZONING & PURPOSE:

Recreational Residential

The intent of the Recreational Residential (RR) District is to preserve areas which have natural characteristics suitable for both passive and active recreational usage. Also, it is the intent of this district to manage areas suitable for residential development of varying types, including permanent and seasonal housing. Some non-residential uses with minimal impacts on residential uses are allowed if properly managed under conditional use procedures.

GOALS AND POLICIES:

The current Land Use Plan as adopted in 2007 makes reference to shoreland development.

GOAL #2:

Le Sueur County should adopt and enforce land use goals and policies that conserve and restore its natural resources, bring protections to the ecological systems of natural environment, and prevent the premature

development of natural resource areas.

Objective 2:

Utilize shorelands on Recreational Development Lakes (RD) for housing, but with a focus on development design

that protects the resource.

Action 1:

Continue utilizing the minimum state shoreland regulations to determine housing densities and development design.

GENERAL SITE

DESCRIPTION:

Shoreland, residential

ACCESS:

Existing off Woodduck Ln

LAKE:

Lake Frances, Recreational Development lake

Recreational Development Lake - Lakes that usually have between sixty (60) and two hundred twenty five (225) acres of water per mile of shoreline, between three (3) and twenty five (25) dwellings per mile of shoreline, and are more than fifteen (15) feet deep.

RFPE:

Regulatory Flood Protection Elevation: 1024.7 Lowest floor must be at or above RFPE.

ATTACHMENTS

Application, Written Detail of Request, Survey, Surveyor Certification, Aerial photo, Findings of Fact,

STAFF FINDINGS

Staff findings per Le Sueur County Ordinance, the following findings have been developed for this request:

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	a. Structure to road ROW:	25 feet	49.8 feet*	Section 13.2, Subdiv. 5.B.10.	13-44	
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2. Refer to DNR Guidance Letters:

Variance

a.	The Role of the Variances in Shoreland Management Ordinances	pg. 9
b.	Non-conforming Lots of Record in Shoreland Areas	pg. 19
c.	Structure Setback Requirements	pg. 21

- 3. Variances shall only be permitted when they are in harmony with the general purposes and intent of the official controls and are consistent with the comprehensive plan.
- 4. A Variance may be granted only where the strict enforcement of the official controls will result in a practical difficulty.
- 5. It is the responsibility of the applicant and/or landowner to prove evidence that a practical difficulty exists.
- 6. A determination that a practical difficulty exists upon the consideration of the findings of fact.

CONSIDERATIONS

- 1. The following shall be considered at the hearing:
 - a. There are special circumstances or conditions affecting the land, structures or use referred to in the Variance.
 - b. The granting of the application will not be a detriment to the public health, safety, and general welfare or injurious to property or improvements in the area adjacent to the property of the applicant/landowner.
 - c. Consider sewage treatment and water supply capabilities or constraints of the lot and shall deny the variance if adequate facilities cannot be provided.

2. Additional Considerations:

- a. Structure setback to a private road ROW is 65 feet.
- b. *Exemption allows the new dwelling to be closer to the road ROW than 65 feet. The dwelling can be no closer to the road ROW than the existing dwellings on adjacent lots or at least ½ the setback (32.5'), whichever is greater.
- c. The structure to the West is 49.8* feet from the road ROW.

CONDITIONS

- In granting any Variance, the Board of Adjustment may designate such conditions in connection that will secure substantially
 the objectives of the Ordinance, regulation or provision to which the application is granted.
- 2. Conditions must be directly related to and bear a rough proportionally to the impact created by the Variance.
- 3. If approved, construction must be completed <u>prior to the Variance expiration</u>, Section 22; Subdivision 7.
- 4. If approved, a zoning permit must be purchased prior to starting construction, Section 26.
- 5. Extension must be requested 30 days prior to Variance expiration, Section 22; Subdivision 7.

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VARIANCE FINDINGS OF FACT

Name of Applicant: STAN BRUSS Variance # 17295

Variance Request: TO ALLOW THE APPLICANT TO CONSTRUCT A SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLING 25 FEET FROM THE PRIVATE ROAD ROW.

- A. No Variance may be granted that would allow any use that is prohibited in the Zoning District in which the subject property is located.
- B. Facts supporting the answer to each question must be documented below, and are hereby certified to be the Findings of Fact of the Board of Adjustment.
- C. A Variance may be granted only where the strict enforcement of the official control will result in a practical difficulty.
- D. It is the responsibility of the applicant / landowner to prove evidence that a practical difficulty exists.
- E. A determination that a practical difficulty exists upon the consideration of the following criteria.

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Va	riance Application		
l.	Applicant: Name Stan Bryss		
	Mailing Address 123 Red Oak Drive		
	City Man Kato State MN Zip 56001		
	Phone # 507-385-1070 Phone # 507-525-0419 -cell		
II.	Name Kathryn 5. Bruss (spanse) Property Address 21894 Woodduck Lane		
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	City Elysian State MN Zip 56028		
	City E/ysian State M N Zip 56028 Phone # 507-385-1670 Phone # 507-525-3704 - cell		
III.	Parcel Information: Parcel Number 04.490.0150 Parcel Acreage 7 Township Elysian Section 34 Subdivision Clarks Beach Lot 18 Block		
	Subdivision Clarks Beach Lot 18 Block		
	Full Legal Description must be attached. (Full legal description can be found on deed, not abbreviated legal description from tax statement).		
IV.	Variance Request: List requested alternative to development standard(s). To remove or demolish existing Boat house, shed, and cabin and replace with a new cabin. South wall of cabin to D. 25 fat from Woodduck lane as per Bolton & Menk survey		
V.	Description of Request:		
	a. A <u>full written description</u> of the proposed variance request with detailed information must be attached.		
VI. Township Notification:			
	Township must be notified prior to application. (County Commissioners are <u>not</u> the Township Board.)		
	Township Name) Township Name) Township notified on July 17, 2017 (Date)		
	Board Member <u>Kathy Reints</u> regarding the proposed request. (Name)		
VII.	Site Plan - Shall be a Certificate of Survey to include, but not limited to: North point Setbacks Property lines Road Right-Of-Way Lot Dimensions Output Description of Survey to include, but not limited to: Output Ou		
	 Impervious Surface Required for Shoreland, Business, & Industrial Districts. Itemized current & proposed impervious surfaces to include total percentages. Examples include but are not limited to: rooftops, sidewalks, patios, decks, driveways, parking lots, storage areas and concrete, asphalt, or gravel roads, or tightly compacted soils. 		
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*Stakes shall be in place at the time of onsite visit/meeting, or the application will be tabled.

*Stakes must remain in place until construction commences.

VIII. Practical Difficulty:

- a. Variances shall only be permitted when they are in harmony with the general purposes and intent of the official controls and are consistent with the comprehensive plan.
- b. A Variance may be granted only where the strict enforcement of the official control will result in a practical difficulty.
- c. It is the responsibility of the applicant and/or landowner to prove evidence that a practical difficulty exists.
- d. A determination that a practical difficulty exists upon the consideration of the following criteria:

1. Describe how the Variance request is reasonable compared to the ordinance requirements being varied from. The new structure will be compliant on 3 sides only the back will be closer to the road. The ordinance does not allow us to include the 60 x 65' let on the south side of
2. What are the unique circumstances of this property that prevent compliance with the Zoning Ordinance that will result in a practical difficulty? The current cabin is very small and in order to accompand the Storage lost by tearing down the other. Buildings; the new cabin will have a larger footprint.
3. Describe how the unique circumstances causing the practical difficulty were created by someone other than the applicant/landowner. The existing structures are too old and too close to the property lines to improve
4. How will the request maintain the essential character of the locality? The new structure will be centered on the lot and use the same lake side set back as the current eabin and will actually be 2 feet further back due to trees
5. Does the alleged practical difficulty involve more than economic considerations? No Our goal is to become more compliant with Le Sueur Counties Land use goals
6. Is the request consistent with and supported by the statement of purposes, policies, goals and objectives in the Ordinance? The project as proposed will remove 3 out of compliance structures and replace them with one that will be in compliance—with one variance
7. Describe how the request is consistent with the Comprehensive Land Use Plan. In the project will remove the parking area (impermedile) on the Month side of the road and replace it with a gravel parking on the south side, Removal of boathouse on waters edge will be a positive impact on Lake Francis. (Shore impacts on the properties current, and any proposed, onsite sewage treatment and water
Community Mound System - certificate on file
9. Explain why this request is the minimum variance amount to afford relief. We would like to make the best use of this lot and maximize its potential and still remain within the 25%.



Setbacks

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IX. Attachments shall include but not limited to:

☑ a. Site Plan -survey	☑ e. Floor plans and/or blue prints (For structures)
d b. Surveyor Certification	Septic System Compliance Inspection
c. Access approval	☑ g. Erosion control plan
d. Full legal description	h. Description of request

The Department may request additional information regarding the application.

X. Quantities and Submittal Formats:

- a. One (1) reproducible copy of the request and all other supporting documents.
- b. **Ten (10)** copies must be submitted for documents larger than 11 x 17, documents in color, aerials or photographs.
- c. Electronic version of any supporting documents if available.
- d. Additional copies may be requested as deemed necessary by the Department.

XI. Fees:

Variance:
Filing Fee:

Variance for Clusters:
Filing Fee:

\$ 600
\$ 46

Variance for Clusters:
\$ 600 + \$200 per household
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Additional Fees:

Special Meeting: \$1,200

After-The-Fact meeting fee: Doubled + After-The-Fact Penalty.

After-The-Fact Penalty: \$1,500 OR 10% of the improvement, whichever is greater.

Fees must be paid at the time of application, cannot be accepted by mail, and are non-refundable. Cash or check. Credit cards will not be accepted.

XII. Procedure: See Section 22 of the Zoning Ordinance for full details.



- a. Pre-application meeting is recommended prior to making application to ensure submittal completion. **Appointment is necessary**.
- b. Application must be made in person by the applicant and/or landowner prior to 12 P.M. on the date of application deadline. **Appointment is necessary**.
- c. All required information must be correct and submitted <u>at the time of application</u>, or the application will not be accepted.
- d. Fees will not be accepted by mail and must be paid at the time of application.
- e. Notification will be sent to all landowners within 500 feet of the affected property, (minimum of 10 landowners) as well as the affected Town Board, any municipality within 2 miles, and other applicable agencies.
- f. Notice will be published in the newspaper of general circulation in the area concerned and the official newspaper of the County.

- Bruss 5073851070 p.1 in e Board of Adjustment may conduct an onsite visit to the affected property prior to the scheduled meeting. Any conversation with the Board of Adjustment during the onsite visit is prohibited.
- h. The Board of Adjustment shall hold a public hearing on the proposed Variance at a scheduled Board of Adjustment meeting.
- The applicant or representative must appear before the Board of Adjustment in order to answer questions concerning the request, or the application will be tabled.
- The Board of Adjustment has the authority to request additional information or designate conditions.
- k. The Board of Adjustment has the authority to determine Variance approval or denial. No Variance may be granted that allow any use that is prohibited in the Zoning District in which the property is located.
- The Department shall notify the applicant and/or landowner in writing of the Board of Adjustment decision.
- m. The Department will file a certified copy of any order or decision issued by the Board of Adjustment with the County Recorder.
- A zoning permit is required prior to starting construction however zoning permits will not be available
 the day of the Board of Adjustment meeting. Zoning permit application must be approved prior to
 obtaining a zoning permit.

XIII. Signatures:

I hereby certify with my signature that all data contained herein as well as all supporting data are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant signature

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	Application complete	Michelle R Mettler	8-17-17	7295
		Planning & Zoning Department Signature	Date	Permit#

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Bruss Variance Application V. Description of Request:

Our plan is to remove or tear down the current cabin, shed and boathouse and rebuild a new cabin on this lot. To preserve the integrity of the mature trees on the lot it would be set 5 feet further back from the water than the existing cabin and have the 10 foot setbacks on either side as per county guidelines. This would also move it out the shore impact area since it would be more than 50 feet from that line. The variance would be needed to allow us to build closer to Wood Duck Lane than the current cabin structure and move it beyond the shore impact zone. Since we are eliminating all of the storage that existed in the shed and boathouse we would like to incorporate some storage within the cabin structure but still remain under the 25% guideline for impermeable surface. All of the current structures are out of compliance with current set back guidelines, especially the boathouse and shed. Parts of all of them are also within the shore impact zone. Removing them will improve the character of the neighborhood by improving the symmetry and balance on the lot. The new structure would be closer to the road and would also include a back porch entrance 6 feet further back. In its new location it will still be further from the road than many cabins and structures on Woodduck Lane.

Since it is an older development there is a variety of setbacks with all of the cabins on Wood Duck Lane on both the lakeside and the back side. The structures being removed date back to the 1940's and have served their purpose and are not worth remodeling or improving. In a verbal agreement with our neighbor, (Fenske) if we remove our boat house from the beach they will remove their storage shed from the beach area which would greatly improve the sightlines for both of us and be a great improvement for Lake Francis and its shore impact area.

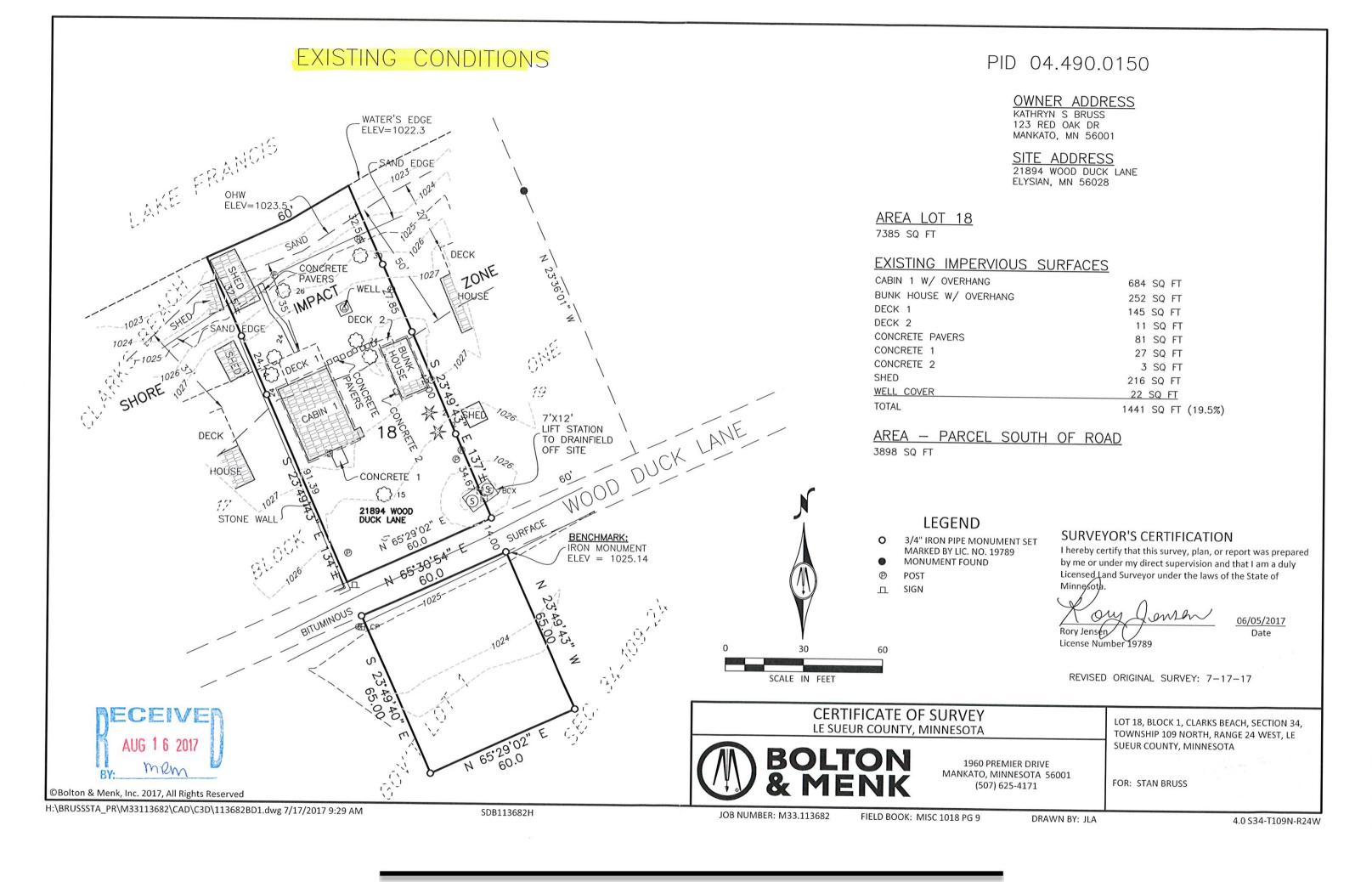
Also we would like to complete a 30 by 20 foot designated gravel parking area on our property on the south side of the road and eliminate parking on the north side. Two trees will be removed in the process and replaced on our lot across the road which has none. The two small pine trees will be moved as well.

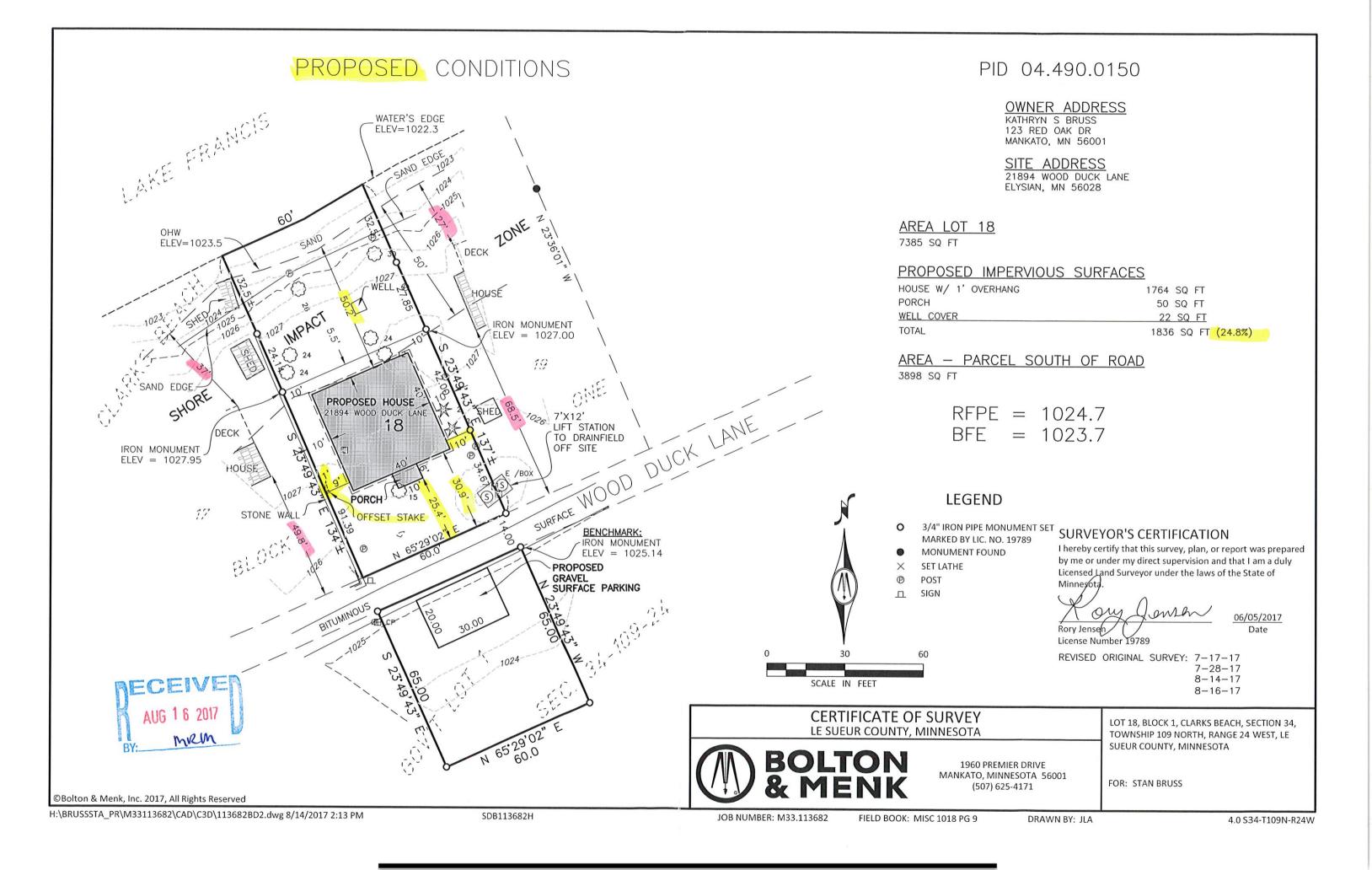


Bruss Variance - Wood Duck Lane - Trees to be removed/replaced

As noted on the existing conditions survey map, 2 smaller maple trees will be removed to accommodate the new structure. They will be replaced with 2 new trees as required upon completion of the construction. The 2 small pine trees will be re-located on the lot with a tree spade. Since the lot already contains 5 very large and mature oak and maple trees the replacement trees may be located on the Bruss lot (60' by 65') across Wood Duck Lane which currently has no trees.









S	urveyor Certification					
I.	Applicant: Name STAN BRUSS					
II.	Landowner: Name KATHRYN IBRUSS Property Address 21894 WOOD DUCK LANE City ELYSIAN State MN Zip 56028					
III.						
IV.						
	 Impervious Surface Required for Shoreland, Business, & Industrial Districts. Itemized current & proposed impervious surfaces to include total percentages. Examples include but are not limited to: rooftops, sidewalks, patios, decks, driveways, parking lots, storage areas and concrete, asphalt, or gravel roads, or tightly compacted soils. 					
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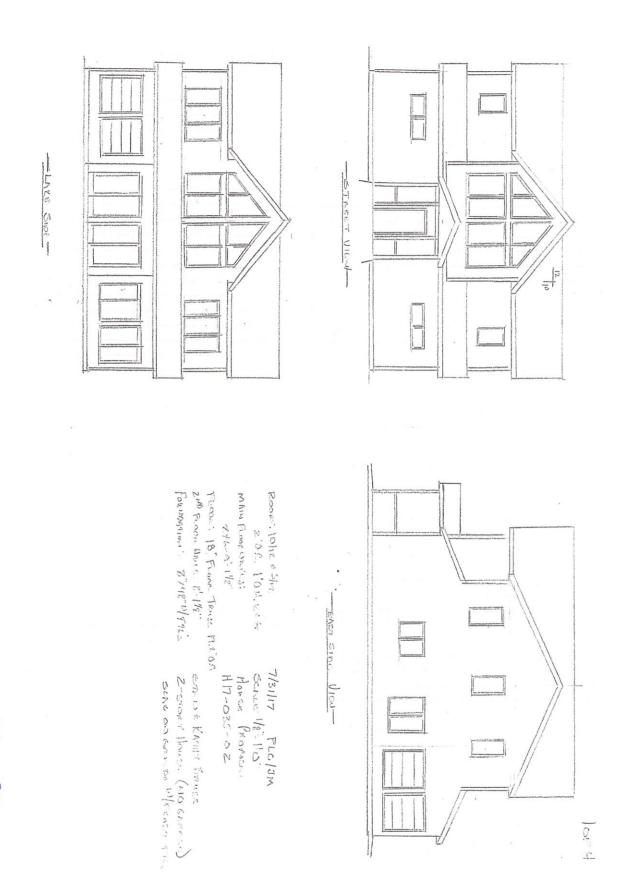
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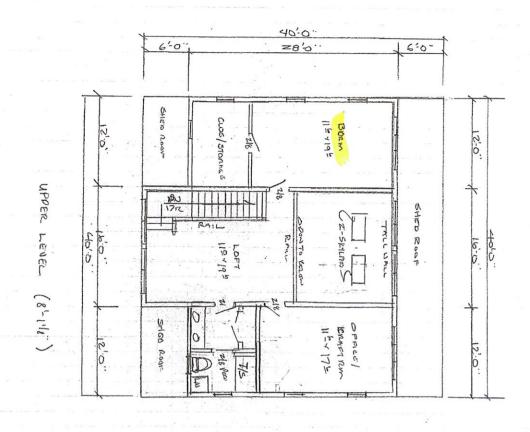


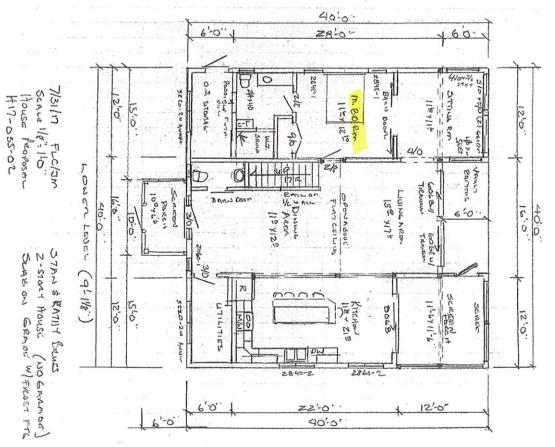




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LE SUEUR COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES 88 SOUTH PARK AVE.

LE CENTER, MINNESOTA 56057-1620

(507) 357-2251 FAX (507) 357-8541

Erosion and Sediment Control Plan

Goal: To control erosion and prevent sediment and other pollutants from entering the lakes, streams, wetlands, and storm drain systems during construction.

Property Owner: Kathryn S. Bryss PID: 04.490.0150					
Mailing Address: 123 Red Oak Drive - Monkato MN 56001	-				
Property Address: 21894 Wooddyck Lane - Elysian MN 56028					
Phone: (507) 385-1070 Mobile/Cell: (607) 525-3704					
Responsible party for Implementation/Inspection: Stan Bruss					
Address: 123 Red Oak Prive Mankato, MN 56001					
Phone: (507) \$385-1070 Mobile/Cell: (507) 525-0419					

Erosion & Sediment Control Measures

- 1. Maintain existing vegetation whenever possible and minimize the area of disturbance. Retain and protect trees to enhance future landscaping efforts and to reduce raindrop impact. (Vegetation is the best and most cost-effective erosion control practice).
- Install all erosion and sediment control practices prior to any soil disturbing activities, when applicable.
- Phase construction activities to minimize the areas disturbed at one time. This will also allow completed areas to be stabilized and re-vegetated before disturbing adjacent sites.
- 4. Maintain and protect all natural waterways. Retain at least a 20-foot wide strip of natural vegetation along all waterways to filter out sediment and other pollutants.
- 5. Minimize the use of impermeable surfaces such as roofs, driveways, parking lots and roads. The Environmental Resources staff must approve all storm water runoff plans.
- 6. Use rock rip-rap at both the outlet and inlet ends of culverts to prevent scour erosion.
- 7. Limit construction equipment to designated areas to control soil compaction.
- 8. Install silt fence on the down-slope perimeter of all disturbed areas according to the attached installation instructions. Sensitive areas such as wetlands, drainage swales and shoreland areas should also be protected with silt fence.
- 9. Install straw bale checks or rock check dams in areas of concentrated flow.
- 10. Cover any stockpiled topsoil with plastic or other impervious covering. Use stockpiled topsoil as earthen berms to serve as temporary sediment basins.

11. Mulch all disturbed areas at the rate of one 50-pound bale of straw per 500 square feet. On slopes 4:1 or steeper use the following erosion control blankets that have been pinned to the slope according to the manufacturer's instructions:

2:1 slopes or steeper

Straw/Coconut Blanket or High Velocity Wood Blanket

3:1 slopes or steeper

Wood or Straw Blanket with net on both sides

4:1 slopes or steeper

Wood or Straw Mulch blanket with net on one side

Flat areas

Straw Mulch w/disc anchoring

- 12. Seed all disturbed areas within seven days of final grading and temporary seed/mulch all areas that will be left inactive for more than seven days. Do not seed later than September 1st. Areas that need to be seeded after this date should be dormant seeded in late October or early November. See the attached instruction sheet for recommended mixtures and rates. The use of native plant materials, including frees and shrubs, is encouraged. Native species will provide good vegetative cover that is adapted to our soils and climate.
- 13. Apply fertilizer according to soil test recommendations.
- 14. Install water bars on access roads to prevent concentrated water from flowing down the road and eroding gravel.
- 15. Attach a site map showing the location of all erosion control practices, property lines, roads, lakes, watercourses, wetlands, on-site systems and building locations.

Note: To reduce mud transported onto paved roads, a rock construction entrance may be required. This will require a six-inch layer of 1-2 inch diameter washed rock a minimum of 50 feet in length.

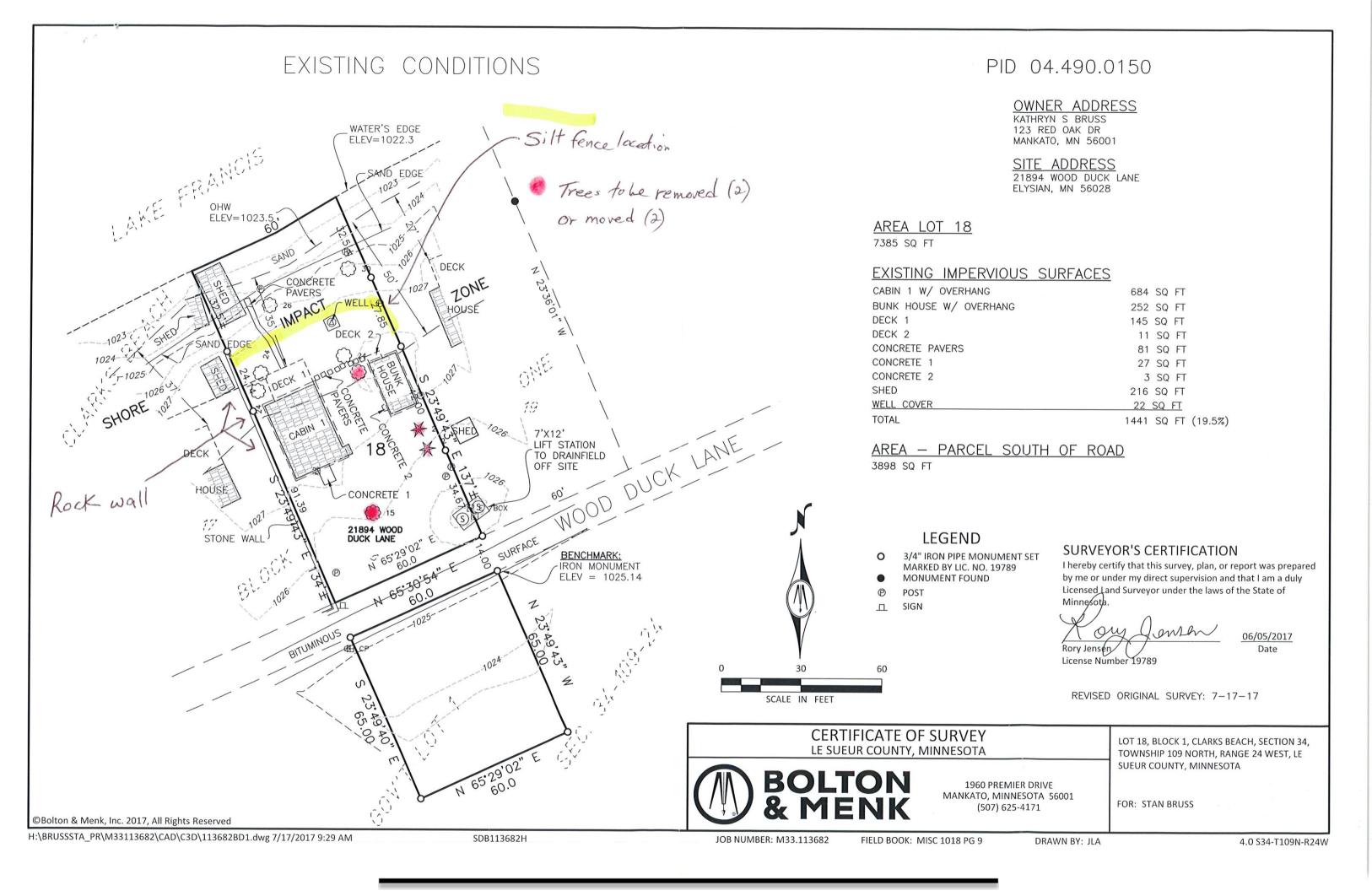
Inspection and Maintenance

- 16. Inspect the construction site every 7 days and within 24 hours after every rain event to ensure the practices are working properly (i.e. silt fences, water bars).
- 17. Clean out the silt fences when they are 1/3 full of sediment or replace with functional silt fences within 24 hours.
- 18. Clean out sediment basins on a regular basis to maintain capacity.

I agree to install, inspect and maintain the above practices to accomplish the goal of preventing erosion.

If you have any questions, please contact Environmental Services, at 507-357-8538.





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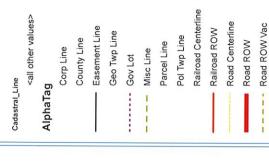
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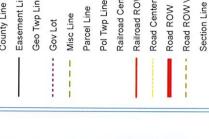
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