



Le Sueur County, MN

Thursday, May 17, 2018

Regular Session

Item 1

Approved May 17, 2018 Meeting Minutes

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LE SUEUR COUNTY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

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MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeanne Doheny, Jim Mladek, John Wolf, Francis Cummins

MEMBERS ABSENT: Colin Harris

OTHERS PRESENT: Joshua Mankowski, Michelle Mettler

1. **Call to Order** at 3:03 by Chairperson Jeanne Doheny.
2. **Agenda:** Corrections to agenda: Add line to Item #1 "and install two new holding tanks 50 feet from the Ordinary High Water Level (OHWL) and 8 feet from the deck" so that the description reads ": Request that the County grant a Variance from the Le Sueur County Zoning Ordinance to allow the applicant to use an existing septic tank 0 feet from the deck, 5 feet from the property line, and 67 feet from the Ordinary High Water Level (OHWL) and install two new holding tanks 50 feet from the Ordinary High Water Level (OHWL) and 8 feet from the deck in a Recreational Residential "RR" District, on a Recreational Development "RD" lake, Lake Volney. Property is located at Lot 21, Elwood Subdivision, Section 36, Lexington Township." Motion to approve agenda by John Wolf. Seconded by Fritz Cummins. Motion approved. Motion carried.
3. **Meeting Minutes:** April 19, 2018 Additions/Corrections None. Motion to approve minutes by Fritz Cummins. Seconded by John Wolf. Motion approved. Motion carried.

4. Applications

ITEM #1: RICHARD & CYNTHIA COTES, LE CENTER, MN (APPLICANT\OWNER):

Request that the County grant a Variance from the Le Sueur County Zoning Ordinance to allow the applicant to use an existing septic tank 0 feet from the deck, 5 feet from the property line, and 67 feet from the Ordinary High Water Level (OHWL) and install two new holding tanks 50 feet from the Ordinary High Water Level (OHWL) and 8 feet from the deck in a Recreational Residential "RR" District, on a Recreational Development "RD" lake, Lake Volney. Property is located at Lot 21, Elwood Subdivision, Section 36, Lexington Township. **VARIANCE IS FOR PROPERTY LINE, STRUCTURE AND OHWL SETBACKS.**

Richard Cotes was present for application. Township: None. DNR: None. Letters submitted: None.

Discussion was held regarding: Richard Cotes stated that they are here to request a variance, the septic tank was noncompliant when they purchased the property. They looked into installing a new system. The new system would require installing a mound by the road and tree removal. That approach would be more invasive. A shed would also need to be moved, if it could withstand being moved. Installing the current design would be less intrusive.

Motion was made by Fritz Cummins to Approve the application with no conditions. Seconded by Jim Mladek. Motion approved. Motion carried.

ITEM #2: GARY & JUDY DUNN, CLEVELAND, MN, (APPLICANT\OWNER): Request that the County grant a Variance from the Le Sueur County Zoning Ordinance to allow the applicant to construct a septic system drainfield 5 feet from the property line, 3 feet from the

attached garage and 16 feet from the neighbors dwelling in a Recreational Residential "RR" District, Recreational Development "RD" lake, Lake Jefferson. Property is located in the 23, Cape Horn Subdivision, Section 1, Cleveland Township. **VARIANCE IS FOR STRUCTURE AND PROPERTY LINE SETBACKS.**

Gary and Judy Dunn were present for the application. Township: None. DNR: None. Letters submitted: None.

Discussion was held regarding: Gary Dunn stated that they had spent a number of years to get to this point. First they were waiting for the decision on the pipe. When that didn't go through, they tried to get in on a cluster system. When the cluster fell through, they purchased 15 feet of property where they would like to install a system. Jeanne Doheny asked if this was originally just a summer home. Gary Dunn replied that they purchased the property 22 years ago as a year-round home. The current system was installed about one year prior to their purchase of the property and to their knowledge it has always been a year-round home.

Motion was made by John Wolf to Approve the application. Conditions: None. Seconded by Jim Mladek. Motion approved. Motion carried.

5. **Discussion Items:** Joshua Mankowski informed the Board that staff is working with the Department of Natural Resources to set up shoreline and bluff training. Staff will contact the board members once a time and date are determined.
6. **Warrants/Claims:** Sign warrants/claim sheets
7. **Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn meeting by John Wolf. Seconded by Fritz Cummins. Motion approved. Motion carried. Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Joshua Mankowski

Approved June 21, 2018

***Tape of meeting is on file in the
Le Sueur County Environmental Services Office***