



Le Sueur County, MN

Thursday, July 19, 2018

Regular Session

Item 1

Approved July 19, 2018 Meeting Minutes

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LE SUEUR COUNTY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

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July 19, 2018

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Joshua Mankowski

1. **Call to Order** at 3:00 by Chairperson Jeanne Doheny.
2. **Agenda:** Additions/Corrections None. Motion to approve agenda by John Wolf. Seconded by Jim Mladek. Motion approved. Motion carried.
3. **Meeting Minutes:** June 21, 2018 Additions/Corrections None. Motion to approve minutes by Colin Harris. Seconded by John Wolf. Motion approved. Motion carried.
4. **Applications**

ITEM #1: JAMES & JANE WILLIAMS, ST PETER, MN, (APPLICANT/OWNER): Request that the County grant a Variance from the Le Sueur County Zoning Ordinance to allow the applicant to repair an existing boat house located within the bluff and 4 feet from the Ordinary High Water Level (OHWL) in a Recreational Residential "RR" District, on Lake Washington, a Recreational Development "RD" lake. Property is located at Lots 21 & 22, Damar Estates, Section 7, Washington Township. **VARIANCE IS FOR BLUFF & OHWL SETBACKS.**

James Williams was present for application. Township: E-mail from Bob Kavney, Washington Township Supervisor stating that the township has no issues with the proposal to repair the existing boathouse. DNR: None. Letters submitted: Holly Kalbus, Environmental Resources Specialist giving her recommendation of approval with the following condition; The shoreline appears to be eroding away, and could potentially be a problem in the future. In order to help provide protection and stability of the bluff and shoreline, it would be my recommendation to plant vegetation that is native to Minnesota along the shoreline. Native plantings should occur within the entire width of the boat house.

Discussion was held regarding: James Williams informed the board that they had purchased the house one and half years ago. The previous landowners let the property fall apart. This was known when they purchased the property. They didn't plan on repairing the boathouse at this time, but it is getting worse. Collin Harris inquired about the plan to replace the steps. James Williams replied that they will replace the steps and then run them straight down, instead of turning where the boat house is located. Jim Mladek asked if the steps along the boathouse will be replaced as well. James Williams replied no. Jenny Doheny stated that she assumes that the project will be done in a way that limits the amount of soil movement. James Williams answered that the equipment is going to be used to dig out the backside of the boathouse. They will prop up the boathouse while they are doing the work. The damage to the wall was caused by the force of pulling the boat up into the boathouse over the years. The house has only had two owners over the years; Damar was the original owners and they sold it to the people who owned it before them. Jeanne Doheny asked James Williams if they had seen Holly Kalbus' letter. James Williams responded yes. Jeanne Doheny asked the applicant what they would do if the

application was not approved. James Williams replied that he didn't know, once everything caved in, the material would need to be hauled away.

Motion was made by Jim Mladek to Approve the application with the condition listed in Holly Kalbus' letter. Conditions: In order to help provide protection and stability of the bluff and shoreline, it would be my recommendation to plant vegetation that is native to Minnesota along the shoreline. Native plantings should occur within the entire width of the boat house. Seconded by John Wolf. Motion approved. Motion carried.

5. **Discussion Items:** Davis has again appealed the decision to deny the variance for setback from the OHWL for a proposed pool and pool house. Some discussion was had about the logistics of the appeal.
6. **Warrants/Claims:** Sign warrants/claim sheets
7. **Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn meeting by John Wolf. Seconded by Colin Harris. Motion approved. Motion carried. Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Joshua Mankowski

Approved August 16, 2018

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