

Morrison County Board of Adjustment Via Microsoft Teams

Minutes

January 5, 2021

Chairperson BethyJo Murphy called the meeting of the Morrison County Board of Adjustment to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: BethyJo Murphy, Dave Stish, Russ Nygren, and Marvin Trettel.

Members Absent: None

Ex-Officio Members Present: Amy Kowalzek and Sharon Peterson

Ex-Officio Members Absent:

County Commissioners: Jeff Jelinski Mike LeMieur, Randy Winscher and Mike Wilson

1. Election of Officers

Marvin Trettel nominated Russ Nygren as Chairperson. Russ Nygren declined.

Russ Nygren nominated BethyJo Murphy as Chairperson. The vote was all in favor.

Dave Stish stated that this term would be through March, then the Boards would be combined.

BethyJo Murphy nominated Dave Stish as Vice-Chair. The vote was all in favor.

2. Julie Lanners Revoc. Trust – No Property Address – Application for a Variance to place a chicken barn within the setback of a Township Road; located in pt of the SE ¼ and SW ¼, Section 7, Township 39, Range 31, Bellevue Township.

Roger Lanners was present.

Amy Kowalzek entered into record Section 1208.1 of the Morrison County Land Use Control Ordinance, a plat map with the parcel location, variance application, background information questions, site plan, aerial photo of the parcel, oblique photo of the area, staff report, aerial photo showing the outline of the parcel where the barn would be placed and a letter from Bellevue Township. There were 12 notices were sent to neighboring property owners. No comments were received prior to the hearing. Amy entered the finding of fact and decision questions.

Roger Lanners stated that the staff report stated that they would be 100 feet from the road. This can be changed to 120 feet from the road.

Russ Nygren asked who owns the home in the south west corner. Roger Lanner stated that his daughter owns the home.

Dave Stish stated at the viewing it was stated that the manure holding area was already in place. Roger Lanners stated it was. Dave asked if this would be for both barns. Roger stated it is. Dave asked if all the manure would stay on site. Roger stated it would, there is plenty of land for all the manure.

Dave Stish asked why this spot was chosen. Roger Lanners stated there is a crude oil line and wetlands on the parcel. This is the best place for the barn to go and it is close to the home. Dave stated there are pivots and land contours on the property as well. Roger stated that is correct.

Dave Stish stated there is about 112 acres now, did you acquire more land? Roger Lanners stated he purchased that land to the north, now there is about 220 acres.

Dave Stish asked if there are other neighbors around the parcel. Roger Lanners stated there is the Tiemann property to the east. We talked to him and he is ok with the request. Dave asked how far is Tiemann from you. Roger stated about 2000 feet. Dave asked about any other neighbors. Roger stated that all other dwellings would be about one-half mile away. Our daughter is the closest and she is ok with the request.

Audience Comment: None

Possible conditions were discussed.

The voting sheets were polled.

A motion was made by Marvin Trettel to approve the Variance request with two conditions. The motion was seconded by Dave Stish. The vote was all in favor.

With no further business at hand, the hearing was closed at 7:53 p.m.

A motion was made by BethyJo Murphy to continue the minutes until next month to allow time to look at the staff reports and make any corrections. The motion was seconded by Dave Stish. The vote was all in favor.

New business – Amy Kowalzek stated there is a new schedule for the BOA through March. Sharon Peterson will send this out to you.

Old business – Amy Kowalzek stated that the County Board approved the ordinance to combine the Board of Adjustment and the Planning Commission today. This will happen in April of 2021. Dave Stish asked if all the positions could be advertised and if existing members would like to apply, they can.

A motion was made by Russ Nygren to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Dave Stish. The vote was all in favor.

With no further business at hand, the hearing was closed at 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Kowalzek, Secretary

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BethyJo Murphy, Chairperson
Morrison County Board of Adjustment

Dave Stish, Vice-Chairperson
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