

Morrison County Board of Adjustment Via Microsoft Teams

Minutes

June 15, 2021

Dave Stish called the meeting of the Morrison County Board of Adjustment to order at 6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Dave Stish, Brent Lindgren, Dave Brutscher, Clint Katherine and Marvin Trettel.

Members Absent: None

Ex-Officio Members Present: Amy Kowalzek and Sharon Peterson

Ex-Officio Members Absent: Robert Wall

County Commissioners: Jeff Jelinski and Randy Winscher

County Commissioners Absent: Mike, Wilson Greg Blaine and Mike LeMieur

Other Members: None

1. Christopher & Jennifer Burkhard – No property address – Application for a Variance to allow for a Type III septic on a newly created parcel; located pt of the NW ¼, Section 34, Township 39, Range 29, Morrill Township.

Christopher and Jennifer Burkhard were present

Amy Kowalzek entered into record Section 1301.12 of the Morrison County Land Use Control Ordinance, a plat map with the parcel location, variance application, background information questions, site plan, four (4) house design sketches, aerial photo, aerial photo showing contour lines, three (3) oblique aerials, two (2) site photos, staff report, aerial photo, Septic Systems 101 Fact Sheet, Mound System Fact Sheet, soil observation log, aerial showing slopes and test sites, installer summary sheet and aerial photo showing surrounding parcels and their types of septic systems. There were 34 notices sent to neighboring property owners. No correspondence was received prior to the hearing. Amy entered the finding of fact and decision questions.

Dave Stish stated in 2002 when the lot was created were soil logs done? Amy Kowalzek stated land splits can happen without the proof of a Type I septic. If the lot spit is for the purpose of a dwelling, we work with the land owner to assure they know this information.

Dave Stish asked where it states that a variance can be given to lots that cannot support a Type I septic. Amy Kowalzek stated in section 1301.23.

Brent Lindgren asked if they still need to show they have room for a second site. Amy Kowalzek stated there is no code that says they do. Dave Stish asked who would be monitoring this system. Amy Kowalzek stated through the design process, the property owner signs that they acknowledge the Type III system and the inspection of the installation of the system.

Jennifer Burkhard stated they live in St. Cloud now and wanted to move to the country. We found the land and started the process to build.

Dave Stish stated that four of the members viewed the property on June 11th. Brent Lindgren stated that he viewed the property later that day.

Marvin Trettel asked if any of the neighboring systems were installed after 1996. Amy Kowalzek stated there was, but we are looking at when the parcels were created. The installation date of the systems ranged

from 1982 to 2011. Marvin stated that last year was a very wet year, would the water table go down and change the soil. Amy stated the designers are not looking at wet soil they are looking for distinctive features in the soil that have been there for a long period of time, like concentrations of iron depletions.

Clint Kathrein asked if there was any more talk of up sizing the mound that was discussed at the viewing. John Manthei stated that he talked with the designer and this will not increase the treatment.

Audience Comment:

Glenda Ridley – stated she lives at the property to the south and they have a Type III system.

The voting sheets were polled.

A motion was made by Marvin Trettel to approve the Variance request. The motion was seconded by Clint Kathrein. The vote was all in favor.

With no further business at hand, the hearing was closed at 7:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Clint Kathrein to approve Planning Commission past months minutes of May 25 and June 1. The motion was seconded by Dave Stish. The vote was all in favor.

A motion was made by Dave Stish to approve Board of Adjustment past months minutes of May 25 and June 1. The motion was seconded by Dave Brutscher. The vote was all in favor.

Correspondence - None

New business – Meetings will be in person starting in July. The applicants can attend on-line.

Clint Kathrein will not be present for the July 20th meeting.

The next viewing will be on July 16th, meeting on-site at 3:00 pm.

Old business –

A motion was made by Brent Lindgren to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Clint Kathrein. The vote was all in favor.

With no further business at hand, the hearing was closed at 7:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Stish, Chairperson / Amy Kowalzek appointed Secretary
Morrison County Board of Adjustment

Marvin Trettel, Vice-Chairperson
Morrison County Board of Adjustment

Secretary, Clint Katherine
Morrison County Board of Adjustment