

Morrison County Board of Adjustment Via Microsoft Teams

Minutes

August 4, 2020

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, Zach Skwira and Sharon Peterson

Ex-Officio Members Absent: None

County Commissioners: Jeff Jelinski and Mike Wilson

1. Douglas Carlson – 5172 Island View Dr; Cushing, MN 56443 – Application for a Variance to replace and expand existing structure within a bluff; located on Lot 11 of Island View, Section 35, Township 132, Range 31, Scandia Valley Township.

Douglas Carlson was present.

Amy Kowalzek entered into record Sections 301, 301.6A, 706.1, 706.1A, 706.1 B, 706.1 E and 706.3 of the Morrison County Land Use Control Ordinance, a plat map with the parcel location, variance application, background information questions, site plan, proposed view from the lake drawing, 3 (three) aerial photos, seven (7) site photos, staff report, survey of the bluff, construction plan from the applicant, aerial photo showing the building envelope and the impervious surface calculation. There were 47 notices were sent to neighboring property owners. No comments were received prior to the hearing. Amy entered the finding of fact and decision questions.

Douglas Carlson stated that after the viewing he submitted more information for the criteria questions.

Marvin Trettel asked if the footprint does not change will a variance still be needed. Amy Kowalzek stated that this application will still need a variance due to the height increase and the expansion of the deck.

Dave Stish asked if the 6' x 30' patio on the lake side of the cabin is new. Douglas Carlson stated it is not.

Audience Comment:

Chris Fondell – stated this is a rebuild but going up in height. The deck is not going beyond the cabin. This will not change the view from the lake. If the water is drained away from the lake I would be in favor of this request.

Dale Gill – This cabin is so close to the lake and the height is going to increase. This seems like it will look good.

Dave Stish asked if the the two options were to continue with the variance or to rebuild what you have correct? Douglas Carlson stated this was correct. If I am right, I could still change the roof pitch without a variance. Dave stated the roof pitch could not change. Sharon Peterson stated that the new ordinance language states that the roof pitch could change if there is no increase in livable space.

Russ Nygren asked if the 6' x 30' patio is onsite now. Doug Carlson stated it is but overgrown, so it is hard to see.

The voting sheets were polled.

A motion was made by Marvin Trettel to approve the Variance request including conditions. The motion was seconded by Russ Nygren. The vote was three in favor and Dave Stish opposed.

2. Pamela Donley – 4396 Lakeview Dr; Cushing, MN 56443 – Application for a Variance to construct a detached garage within the setback to the right-of-way; located on Lot 11 of 1st to L-Wood Acres, Section 27, Township 132, Range 31, Scandia Valley Township.

Pamela Donley and Kerry Donley (brother-in-law) were present.

Amy Kowalzek entered into record Section 706.1 B of the Morrison County Land Use Control Ordinance, a plat map with the parcel location, variance application, background information questions, site plan, three (3) aerial photos, four aerial photos, eight (8) site photos, staff report, letter from Scandia Valley Township and impervious surface calculation. There were 80 notices were sent to neighboring property owners. No comments were received prior to the hearing. Amy entered the finding of fact and decision questions.

BethyJo Murphy why the garage could not be attached to the home. Kerry Donley stated that there is a 6” slab under the home and the home was built up so all of the plumbing could be under the home. We would have to bring in a lot of fill to raise the garage in order to attach it to the home.

Marvin Trettel stated that when we were onsite for the viewing, we measured 18 feet from the garage to the right of way of the road. If you move the garage closer to the lake you would not need a variance. You could attach the garage to the home by adding a breezeway. Kerry Donley stated there would not a lot of room between the house and the garage for a breezeway. This would not be practical.

Dave Stish stated that moving the driveway seems like it could cause issues with water runoff. The garage could be built with the water going towards the road. Moving the driveway may cause the water to go to the neighbors. Kerry Donley stated he and the contractor investigated this and they could build the driveway with a slope going towards the east, so that is where the runoff would go.

Audience Comment:

Russ Nygren stated he has seen modular homes with attached garages. This property has room to add a garage without a variance.

BethyJo Murphy asked if the layout of the garage could change. Kerry Donley stated that if they turn the garage east to west it would not meet the setback to the drainfield.

The voting sheets were polled.

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

With no further business at hand, the hearing was closed at 8:49 p.m.

A motion was made by Dave Stish to approve the July 7, 2020 minutes. The motion was seconded by Russ Nygren. The vote was all in favor.

New business – Amy Kowalzek stated the office has hired a new Feedlot Officer (Zach Skwira).

Old business – Russ Nygren asked if there will be a new Board of Adjustment member added. Amy Kowalzek stated the County Board has not decided on whether they would like to see the Planning Commission and Board of Adjustment members be combined into one Board.

Amy Kowalzek stated that the Moore After the fact variance has been appealed the denial of their variance.

Russ Nygren asked if there has been any news from the Busches variance. Amy Kowalzek stated there has been nothing.

A motion was made by Marvin Trettel 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 8:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Kowalzek, Secretary

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BethJo Murphy, Chairperson

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Dave Stish, Vice-Chairperson

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