

COMMITTEE: BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

DATE: MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2021

TIME: 11:00 AM

PLACE: FOREST COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT - BREAK ROOM

CALL TO ORDER:

The hearing was called to order at 11:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL:

The roll was called, present were Harry Thurin, Jeanie Pitts, and Lee Lamers. Others present: Jeannie Fannin, and Sandy Beauchaine. Members of the public included Lance & Carrie Larsen, John Sheldon, Damien & Sue Popp, and Margaret Wienser.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion to approve the agenda by Lee Lamers, second by Jeanie Pitts. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

CONFIRM COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN MEETING REQUIREMENTS:

The confirmation of compliance was given by Sandy Beauchaine (Zoning Administrative Assistant). Neighbors within 300 feet from Larsen property were notified by mail, Public Hearing posted at Courthouse on the east and west side of building, and Public Hearing notice was emailed to the Forest Republican.

INFORM THE PUBLIC OF HEARING PROCEDURES (TIME FOR EACH SPEAKER):

Harry Thurin informed the public that each public member would have time to speak, and to speak directly to the committee, and not each other.

OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING:

Motion to open the public hearing made by Lee Lamers, second by Jeanie Pitts. All present voting (AYE). Motion approved.

READING OF THE APPLICATION:

The application and notice were read by Sandy Beauchaine.

APPLICANTS PRESENTATION:

Lance & Carrie Larsen were present and informed the committee of their variance request for their property located at 8213 Potawatomi Trail, in the Town of Lincoln. Mrs. Larsen informed the committee of the two (2) Options that they submitted with their variance application. Mr. & Mrs. Larsen and the committee went through the options and answered any questions the committee and the public had regarding the variance.

COUNTIES PRESENTATION:

Jeannie Fannin informed the Committee and public that the property is zoned Shoreland Residential, that a site visit was done prior to the meeting, the setbacks are 43 feet from the road, 15 feet from the lot lines for attached garage, 75 feet from the drainage ditch, and 75 feet from the OHWM. That the lot is a legal lot, and allows for a residence. Fannin informed committee that Larsen's have provided 2 options for the variance of their new home. Fannin would prefer that the residence stay further away from the lot line and recommended that Option 1 was the better one.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Margaret Wienser was the first to speak in favor of the variance for Mr. & Mrs. Larsen. Damien & Sue Popp spoke next and had several questions for the committee and Jeannie Fannin regarding the Options presented at the meeting. Sandy Beauchaine informed committee that she received three (3) letters of support from neighbors, and one (1) phone call from Mr. Popp, opposing the variance. After questions were answered Mrs. & Mrs. Popp ended up being in favor of the variance for Mr. & Mrs. Larsen.

COMMENTS FROM THE TOWN:

No phone calls or emails received.

FINAL QUESTIONS FROM THE COMMITTEE:

Lee Lamers asked the Larsen's why they are choosing to angle the house on the property. Mrs. Larsen informed Committee and public that it is for a better visual appears of home. No addition questions from Committee.

ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING:

Motion by Lee Lamers to close the public hearing, second by Jeanie Pitts. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

DELIBERATION AND DECISION:

Motion by Jeanie Pitts to approve the request for a variance for Lance & Carrie Larsen, for the property located at 8213 Potawatomi Trail, in the Town of Lincoln, with the following conditions:

Home to be:

- 50 feet from center of road
- 45 feet from the drainage ditch
- 15 feet off lot lines
- 75 from OHWM

, second by Lee Lamers. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

ADJOURN:

Motion to adjourn by Jeanie Pitts, second by Lee Lamers. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Submitted by: _____