

Morrison County Board of Adjustment
Morrison County Government Center Board Room

Minutes

January 11, 2022

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, Clint Katherine and Marvin Trettel.

Members Absent: Dave Brutscher

Ex-Officio Members Present: Amy Kowalzek, Matt LeBlanc and Sharon Peterson

Ex-Officio Members Absent: Robert Wall and Shannon Wettstein

County Commissioners: Mike LeMieur

County Commissioners Absent: Greg Blaine, Randy Winscher, Mike Wilson and Jeff Jelinski

Other Members: None

Pledge of Allegiance

1. Election of officers

A motion was made by Marvin Trettel to nominate Dave Stish as Chairperson. The motion was seconded by Brent Lindgren. The vote was all in favor.

A motion was made by Dave Stish to nominate Marvin Trettel as Vice-Chairperson. The motion was seconded by Clint Kathrein. The vote was all in favor.

A motion was made by Dave Stish to nominate Brent Lindgren as Secretary. The motion was seconded by Marvin Trettel. The vote was all in favor.

2. Herold & Tammy Jenson – 7966 Copper Rd; Cushing, MN 56443– Application for a Variance to add onto a non-conforming structure; located in pt of Gov Lot 4, Section 30, Township 132, Range 30, Scandia Valley Township.

Herold (Dean) & Tammy Jenson were present via Microsoft Teams.

Amy Kowalzek entered into record sections 706.1 B of the Morrison County Land Use Ordinance, plat map with the parcel location, variance application, background information questions, site plan, aerial photo site plan, three (3) aerial photos, septic site plan, six (6) site photos, staff report, aerial photo showing zoning district, 1981 permit for the home including the setback measurement, aerial photo showing measurement from the road to the home, aerial photo showing a building envelope and impervious surface calculation sheet. There were 71 notices sent to neighboring property owners. One comment from the County Engineer was received prior to the hearing. Amy entered the finding of fact and decision questions.

Dean Jenson stated this would be the least impact. We will only have to remove two trees. The attached garage will help in the winter time.

Dave Stish stated that himself, Brent Lindgren, Clint Kathrein and Marvin Trettel viewed the property on Friday, January 7, 2022.

Dave Stish stated at the time of the original permit it was stated the home would be 50' from the road. The inspector at that time determined that the home would be 60' from the road. When measuring in Beacon the home shows 60' from the edge of the road. Amy Kowalzek stated it is assumed that the setback at the time of the permit was to the right of way of the road. It may have been from the edge of the road. Dave asked if the encroachment is two feet. Amy stated this is correct.

Amy Kowalzek asked when the property was purchased. Dean Jenson stated they purchased the property in 2013. Dean stated his home is probably the furthest away from the road then the neighbors. I am pretty sure that the setbacks must have been different in the 1980's.

Marvin Trettel asked how far from the well will the addition be. Dean Jenson stated it will be 3 feet away. I talked to the MN Dept of Health and that is their setback requirement. The well water was just tested and is good. Marvin asked if it would be possible to move the addition 2 feet to the north. Dean stated that was the original plan, but the well setback came into play.

Dave Stish asked about the well setbacks. Amy Kowalzek stated that the MN Dept of Health regulates the setbacks from wells. It is not recommended to have them inside of a structure.

Clint Kathrein asked if the addition will meet the setbacks to Dove Rd? Amy Kowalzek stated it would. Clint asked why no add onto the north side of the home. Tammy Jenson stated no matter where we would add onto the home, we would need a variance. The north side of the home is where the propane tank and septic system are.

Dave Stish stated that sometimes an attached garage becomes living quarters. Is there a setback between structures? Amy Kowalzek stated we do not have a setback between structures. Dave asked what the difference in height would be between the addition and the existing home. Dean Jenson stated it would be one foot higher.

Tammy Jenson stated that the home addition would be 16' x 28' and the attached garage would be 32' x 36'. This is different than what was submitted, it will be a little smaller.

Sharon Peterson stated that in order to turn an attached garage into living quarters a permit is required to do so.

Audience Comment: None

Marvin Trettel asked if the setback could be met with the addition. Tammy Jenson stated this would cut the size of the addition and it would look better if the addition and existing home were flush with each other.

Cling Kathrein stated that if you look down the street all the homes are as far back or closer to the road than this home. This is an existing home and it is not going anywhere.

The voting sheets were polled.

A motion was made by Brent Lindgren to approve the Variance request. The motion was seconded by Dave Stish. The vote was all in favor.

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

A motion was made by Marvin Trettel to approve the December 14, 2021 minutes. The motion was seconded by Clint Kathrein. The vote was all in favor.

Correspondence - None

New business – Introduction to the new site created for the Board.

Old business – None

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 7:07 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 Kathrein
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