

Morrison County Board of Adjustment  
Morrison County Government Center Board Room  
Minutes

June 13, 2023

Members Present: Dave Stish, Clint Kathrein, John Kunelius, Brent Lindgren and Marvin Trettel

Members Absent: None

Ex-Officio Members Present: Amy Kowalzek and Sharon Peterson

Ex-Officio Members Absent: Robert Wall

County Commissioners: Mike LeMieur and Bobby Kasper

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

Other Members: Matt LeBlanc

Chairperson Dave Stish called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairperson Dave Stish read the opening statement.

- 1. Gerald & Bonita Slovick – 33863 East Shamineau Dr; Motley, MN 56466 – After-the-Fact application for a Variance to continue additions onto a non-conforming structure; located in pt. of Govt. Lot 1, Section 15, Township 132, Range 31, Scandia Valley Township.**

Gerald & Bonita Slovick and Lynda & Jim Dahlheimer were present

Amy Kowalzek entered into record Sections 706, 706 B and 706 E of the Morrison County Land Use Control Ordinance, plat map with the parcel location, After the Fact Variance application, background information questions, after the fact background information questions, letter to County Officials, site plan, two (2) surveys, two aerial photos, two (2) lake view photos, one (1) site photo, staff report, survey showing bluff line, setback from the lake and top of bluff, photos and drawing from Assessors office, two (2) site photos, DRT notes, Dahlheimer findings, aerial photo showing building envelope, DNR sonar, aerial photo and impervious surface calculation sheet. There were 79 notices sent to neighboring property owners. One comment was received prior to the public hearing. Amy entered the finding of fact and decision questions and After the Fact variance considerations.

Dave Stish stated the viewing was on June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023 and all members were present.

Lynn Dahlheimer stated that the Board of Adjustment keeps saying we did this on purpose. We were going through a lot of things medically. We got a variance to have them live with us. Grateful to have our variance. We were going to start in the spring to construct the addition. Then May 17<sup>th</sup> dad fell. The neighbor then put their home up for sale. We purchased the neighbor's property. The timing to build was going to be much longer than just buying the neighboring home. We knew the bedroom was really small. Once we realized the size of things it just was not going to work. There was a very small addition added. There was no excavation during construction.

Dave Stish stated that the past variance was brought in by you. It was granted in November of 2021. There was a whole construction season between the then and now. What could have been added without a permit or variance. Amy stated a ramp and any internal remodeling. Any expansion to the outside dimensions would need a variance. Dave asked what is the cost for a variance? Amy Kowalzek stated \$600 for a variance and \$850 for an After the Fact Variance.

John Kunelius stated a variance was granted on the Dahlheimers property. Now need a variance on the neighboring property. Is the need for the variance still needed on your property? Jim Dahlheimer stated they would like a garage. John stated this is putting the BOA in a tough position. Lynn Dahlheimer stated they would still like to add the addition on our parcel. Dave Stish stated variances are granted to the property not the property owner.

Marvin Trettel stated the DNR stated a comment, was there anything from Shannon Wettstein. Marvin stated bluffs create a lot of concern. Amy Kowalzek stated Shannon Wettstein was notified of this meeting and was at the DRT meeting. No comment was received from SWCD. Marvin stated he understands the handicap needs.

Dave Stish stated there are lots of non-conformities on site. Were these things done before ordinances? Amy Kowalzek stated the home built in 70's before bluff standards. Cannot speak to the other structures or stairs.

Brent Lindgren everything is within the bluff setback. Amy Kowalzek stated the garage is in the building envelope. Brent over 10,000 sq ft of building envelope. Amy stated that is correct.

Clint Kathrein stated he feels for the circumstances. When it was purchased did you think you would have to add onto it. Jim Dahlheimer stated they did not. Lynn Dahlheimer stated it was 2 to 3 weeks later that I discovered there was not enough room for a wheelchair. There was no digging into the soil. Clint asked if the variance is granted how will the water be diverted away from the lake. Jim Dahlheimer stated it slopes back away from the lake. Clint consider gutters. Jim there is gutters they go to the lake. Clint could change this to run away from the lake.

Gerald Slovick stated he hated the place once he first bought it. Now it is great.

Audience Comment: None

Dave Stish stated the questions that were answered stated the reasons for what was done. It stated that we did not have time. We will do the work and deal with the permit later. You had a home and that was working. You knew what you needed. You did not go to Land Services. I still think there are other options. People buy property when they know it will not meet their needs. Then come to us looking for a variance. Some get granted and some not.

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 four in favor and John Kunelius opposed.

The public hearing was closed at 7:06 p.m.

A motion was made by Marvin Trettel to approve the May 30, 2023 minutes. The motion was seconded by Dave Stish. The vote was all in favor.

Correspondence - None

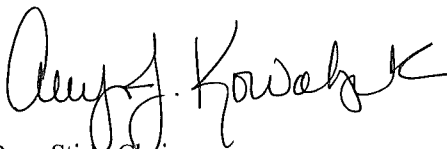
New business – None

Old business – None

A motion was made by Clint Kathrein 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 7:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Dave Stish, Chairperson

Brent Lindgren, Vice-Chairperson

John Kunelius, Secretary

Amy Kowalzek, Appointed Secretary

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