

# LE SUEUR COUNTY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

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**May 20, 2021**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Colin Harris, Jeanne Doheny, Jim Mladek, John Wolf, Roy McIntyre

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Michelle Mettler

1. **Call to Order** at 3:00 p.m. by Chairperson Jeanne Doheny.
2. **Agenda:** Additions/Corrections: None. Motion to approve agenda by John Wolf. Seconded by Roy McIntyre. Motion approved. Motion carried.
3. **Meeting Minutes:** April 22, 2021 Additions/Corrections: None. Motion to approve minutes by John Wolf. Seconded by Roy McIntyre. Roll call vote. Motion approved. Motion carried.
4. **Applications:**

**ITEM #1: JON SCHABERT, ST PETER, MN, (APPLICANT); CHAD & KRISTI STANWICK, EDEN VALLEY, MN, (OWNER):** Request that the County grant a Variance from the Le Sueur County Zoning Ordinance to allow the applicant to construct a dwelling 26 feet from the road Right-Of-Way (ROW), install a holding tank 6 feet from the road ROW, and reduced parking area, 308 square feet in a Recreational Residential "RR" Shoreland District, Lake Jefferson a Recreational Development "RD" lake. Property is located at Lot 22, Indian Meadows, Section 3, Washington Township. **VARIANCE IS FOR ROAD ROW SETBACK AND PARKING.**

Jon Schabert was present for application. Township: None. DNR: None. Letters submitted: None.

Discussion was held regarding: Staying closer to the road ROW to stay away from the bluff.

Public Comment: Tim Murphy questioned if some of the trees will need to be trimmed. Jon Schabert-trees will need some trimming but no removal.

Deck unsafe condition, located in the bluff, plan to replace boards. Deck zoning permit, deck not allowed in the bluff will need variance to replace, possibly CUP if any excavating. Stairs won't need zoning permit if no posts in the bluff, new posts in the bluff will need CUP. Railing on deck wobbling-unsafe. Critical no excavating or replace the deck without permit. Placement of the house and need for variance to road is to protect the bluff.

Findings of Fact by majority roll call vote:

1. *The property owner proposes to use the property in a reasonable manner.*
2. *The alleged practical difficulty is unique to the property.*
3. *The circumstances causing the practical difficulty were created by someone other than the applicant/landowner.*
4. *The issuance of the Variance will maintain the essential character of the locality.*
5. *The alleged practical difficulty involves more than economic considerations.*
6. *The Variance is consistent with and supported by the statement of purposes, policies, goals and objectives in the Ordinance.*
7. *The Variance is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan.*

Motion was made by John Wolf to approve application. Conditions: None. Seconded by Roy McIntyre. Roll call vote. Motion approved. Motion carried.

5. **Discussion Items:** Ordinance revisions approved at the May 4, 2021 County Board meeting. Effective June 1, 2021. New Zoning Administrator, Aaron Stubbs will be starting in June.
6. **Warrants/Claims:** Sign warrants/claim sheets
7. **Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn meeting by Colin Harris. Seconded by Roy McIntyre. Motion approved. Motion carried. Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle R. Mettler

*Tape of meeting is on file in the  
Le Sueur County Environmental Services Office*