

LE SUEUR COUNTY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

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APRIL 16, 2020

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Joshua Mankowski, Michelle Mettler

1. **Call to Order** at 3:35 p.m. by Chairperson Jeanne Doheny. The public hearing was held remotely due to the COVID-19 Pandemic State of Emergency Declaration.
2. **Agenda:** Additions/Corrections: None. Motion to approve agenda by Roy McIntyre. Seconded by John Wolf. Motion approved unanimously by roll call vote. Motion carried.
3. **Meeting Minutes:** March 19, 2020 Additions/Corrections: None. Motion to approve minutes by Jim Mladek. Seconded by Roy McIntyre. Motion approved unanimously by roll call vote. Motion carried.
4. **Applications:**

ITEM #1: STEVE & MARY OLSON, NEW PRAGUE, MN, (APPLICANT/TOWNER):

Request that the County grant a Variance from the Le Sueur County Zoning Ordinance to allow the applicant to allow the applicant to construct a septic drainfield 17 feet from an existing shed, 45 feet from a drainage ditch, and 20 feet from a Type 3 wetland in an Urban/Rural Residential "R1" District. Property is located at Lot 4, Block C, Rolling Meadows, Section 10, Lanesburgh Township. **VARIANCE IS FOR STRUCTURE, DRAINAGE DITCH, AND WETLAND SETBACKS.**

Steve Olson was present for application via telephone. Township: No response. DNR: No response. Letters submitted: None.

Discussion was held regarding: John Wolf: Live in the neighborhood, knows who the applicant is-decision will be based on application. Existing drainage through backyard, during heavy rains water will run through the yard, only place for septic, current septic is out of compliance, unique circumstances. Septic designed for a 4-bedroom dwelling, old system will need to be abandoned, timeline discussed, installer Burns Construction.

Pam Tietz: Neighbor to Olson, is in favor of the variance.

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 was created by someone other than the 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 the application with condition. Condition: No perimeter tile can be installed around the structure within 20 feet of the absorption area. Seconded by Colin Harris. Motion approved unanimously by roll call vote. Motion carried.

5. **Discussion Items:** There will be a May public hearing.

6. **Warrants/Claims:** Sign warrants/claim sheets.

7. **Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn meeting by John Wolf. Seconded by Roy McIntyre. Motion approved unanimously by roll call vote. Motion carried. Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle R. Mettler

APPROVED MAY 21, 2020

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