



RICE COUNTY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Commissioner's Room / Government Services Bldg. / Thursday, January 7, 2021 at 6:30 PM

AGENDA

I. Call to Order

- A. Roll Call
- B. Reading of Notice
- C. Approval of Agenda
- D. Approval of Minutes - Regular Meeting - December 10, 2020

II. House Keeping Items

- A. Election of 2021 Board of Adjustment Chair
- B. Election of 2021 Board of Adjustment Vice Chair
- C. Appointment of 2021 Board of Adjustment Secretary
- D. 2021 Meeting Schedule
- E. Public Comment Time Limit

III. New Business

1. Variance/Bentson - Section 15, Shieldsville Township

Brett Tupy, on behalf of landowners Dave & Rose Bentson, has applied for 25-ft variance from the 30-ft bluff setback limitation for a new home to be located 5-ft from a bluff. The property is described as: Lot 12, Block 1 of Wildwood, Section 15, Shieldsville Township, Rice County, Minnesota. The property address is: 9368 Dodd Rd, Kilkenny, MN 56052. PID#: 09.15.1.01.012. The property is Zoned RDS, Recreational Development Shoreland.

2. Variance/Gillen - Section 21, Webster Township

Tonya & Eddie Gillen have applied for a variance to allow for a new driveway to be constructed on an existing slope exceeding 18%. The property is described as: Part of the S1/2 of the NW1/4 of Section 21, Webster Township, Rice County, Minnesota. PID#: 02.21.2.50.002. The property is Zoned A, Agricultural.

3. Variance/Hager - Section 27, Walcott Township

Wes Hager has applied for a 15-ft variance from the 20-ft rear yard setback limitation for a shed to be located 5-ft from the south property line. The property is described as: Part of the NW1/4 of the NE1/4 of Section 27, Walcott Township, Rice County, Minnesota. The property address is: 4507 250th St E, Faribault, MN 55021. PID#: 15.27.1.25.003. The property is Zoned A, Agricultural.

4. Variance/Mitchell - Section 21, Wells Township

Barbara Mitchell has applied for a 30-ft variance from the 120-ft Lake setback limitation to allow for a new house in a Planned Unit Development (PUD) to be built 90-ft from Roberds Lake also requested is a variance to allow for removal of the existing lakeshore vegetation and grading to remove the top 7-ft of elevation within the shore impact zone of Roberds Lake. The property is described as: Lot 5, Block 2, Winjums West Shore Addition, Rice County, Minnesota. PID#: 10.21.2.26.006. The property is Zoned GDS, General Development Shoreland.

IV. Adjournment

Board of Adjustment Hearing Procedure:

The Chair calls the item to be heard and planning staff to present the staff report and answer questions from the members. The Chair asks the applicant to present their information and answer questions of the members. Chair then opens the meeting to the public. Each speaker will have a set number of minutes to present their information. They must come to the speaker stand and state their name and address before presenting their comments. After the public comments, the Board of Adjustment publicly discusses the information and reviews the findings before making a motion to recommend approval, denial or to continue the item.

Minn. Stat. §13D.021 requires the chief legal counsel or chief administrative officer to make a determination that an in-person meeting is not practical or prudent because of a health pandemic or an emergency declared under Chapter 12 of Minnesota Statutes. At this time, the governor has declared an emergency under Chapter 12 of Minnesota Statutes because of the COVID-19 health pandemic. Therefore, the chief legal counsel has determined that an in-person meeting is not practical or prudent. Accordingly, the Rice County Board of Adjustment and Planning Commission meetings will be conducted by telephone or other electronic means.

The meeting location at 320 Third Street NW, Faribault, MN 55021 is closed to the public. Therefore, telephone or another electronic means will be used to conduct the meeting. To the extent practical, the Board of Adjustment shall allow a person to monitor the meeting electronically from a remote location. The Board of Adjustment may require the person making a connection to pay for the documented additional cost that the body incurs as a result of the additional connection.

Remote access for the public includes the following:

Access by computer:

Register using the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88617663280?pwd=dnIRMk8waDBsR25lWmVZdnhxUFUyZz09>

Access by phone:

Please call: (507) 332-6030

Meeting ID: 886-1766-3280

If you would like to virtually attend or participate in this public meeting and are in need of assistance, please call the County's Environmental Services Office at 507.332.6113 or e-mail aaguilar@co.rice.mn.us. Please call 24 hours before the meeting, if possible, if assistance is needed.