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The Board of Adjustment met at 9:00a.m. on Thursday February 9, 2023 in the County Board Room of the Isanti County Government Center, 555 – 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW, Cambridge, MN 55008.

Members present: Valerie Marty-Anderson, Jim Fridstrom, Dave Henderson, Bill Gertz, Kathy Skiba

Other members present: Trina Bergloff, Zoning Administrator, Holly Nelson, Deputy Zoning Administrator, Tim Nelson, Chief Deputy County Attorney

Members not present: Connie Thorp

Valerie Marty-Anderson, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

A motion was made by Jim Fridstrom and seconded by Dave Henderson to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2023 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

1. The request of Amanda Latsch, 1992 338<sup>th</sup> Lane NE, Cambridge, MN 55008 to install a septic system with less than the required setback from the road right of way of a Township Road, with less than the required setback from the side property line and with less setback than the required setback from the single family dwelling. Legal description is Pt Lot 7 Block 2 Soderberg's Addition and Pt SW ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 28, Township 36, Range 23, Cambridge Township.

Amanda Latsch has requested to table this request until the March 9, 2023 Board of Adjustment meeting. Ms. Latsch has signed the 60 day waiver. **A motion was made by Jim Fridstrom and seconded by Dave Henderson to table this request until the March 9, 2023 Board of Adjustment meeting for the property owner to contact the septic designer to get a new septic design which would be out of the road right of way of the Township Road.** Motion carried unanimously.

2. The request of Joseph & Jennifer McDonnell, 28371 Blue Lake Drive NW, Princeton, MN 55371 to construct a deck with less than the required setback from the ordinary high watermark of the lake. Legal description is Lot 3 Block 3 of The Woods at Blue Lake of Section 31, Township 35, Range 25, Spencer Brook Township.

Joseph McDonnell was present for this request. Trina Bergloff stated that this property is located on Blue Lake which is a Recreational Development lake. A

variance was granted February 9, 2017 to construct a dwelling 75.3' from the Ordinary High Water Mark of a Recreational Development Lake and 38.7' from the Road Right of Way of the Township Road with the following conditions: 1. Drainage and water runoff must be maintained on site. 2. A single car turnaround must be on the property so that there is no backing onto the township road. 3. Must follow all Soil and Water Conservation District recommendations. Another variance was granted May 14, 2020 to construct a pole type structure with a lean to 87.19' from the ordinary high watermark of the recreational development lake with the following condition: 1. Must follow the Department of Natural Resources guidelines for lakeshore vegetation cover. This variance request is to construct a 16' x 35' deck 59' from the ordinary high watermark of the lake. The proposed deck would extend out 4' from the existing dwelling. The required setback is 100' from the ordinary high watermark of the lake. There have been no comments from Spencer Brook Township or the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. Joseph McDonnell stated that this is a unique lot. The ordinary high watermark of the lake location changed when a second survey was completed. Due to the layout of the house there is no other location to construct a deck. Valerie Marty-Anderson asked Mr. McDonnell if the deck size could be reduced. Mr. McDonnell stated that he would angle the deck and will modify this request to construct a deck 63' from the ordinary high watermark of the lake. **A motion was made by Jim Fridstrom and seconded by Dave Henderson to approve this request to construct a deck 63' from the ordinary high watermark of the lake.** *Findings: 1. Mr. McDonnell is reducing the size of the deck that has a house design including a deck area so that the variance is in harmony with the general purpose and intent of the official control. 2. Due to the layout of the house there is no other location to construct a deck so there are practical difficulties in carrying out the strict letter of any official control. 3. The ordinary high watermark was misrepresented when he purchased the property so the terms of the variance are consistent with the policies of Isanti County.* Motion carried unanimously.

**A motion was made by Jim Fridstrom and seconded by Kathy Skiba to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 a.m. Motion carried unanimously.**

Trina Bergloff  
Zoning Administrator

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