

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE
OTTER TAIL COUNTY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
Thursday, December 13, 2018**

The Otter Tail County Board of Adjustment met Thursday, December 13, 2018, with the following persons in attendance:

Rod Boyer	Douglas Larson	Thomas Lee
Darren Newville	Steve Schierer	Kenneth Vorderbrugen
Chris LeClair, Land and Resource Management		
Ben Olson, Assistant County Attorney		

Called to Order – Steve Schierer, Chair called the meeting of the Board of Adjustment to order at 6:30 p.m.

Minutes Approved - The Board of Adjustment approved the minutes of the November 8, 2018 meeting as mailed.

The Board of Adjustment considered the following applications for variance:

Kelly Dorn – Variance application approved as requested. (6:32 p.m.)

Kelly Dorn, part of Government Lot 2, Section 22 of Pine Lake Township by Big Pine Lake, requested the following: New garage 10' from property line and 24' from driveway easement. County has property line as road right-of-way. We are asking to build 10' from property line on driveway easement side. Same setback as old garage that has been removed. The audience was polled with no one speaking for or against the variance as requested. After discussion and consideration, Thomas Lee made a motion, seconded by Rod Boyer and unanimously carried, to approve a variance to place a new 30' by 36' garage 10' from the property line and 24' from the driveway easement as requested in the variance application dated November 25, 2018 and as depicted on the drawing submitted with the application. The variance as approved does not directly or indirectly grant any other variances for the proposed development.

Tom Avant – Denied. (6:41 p.m.)

Tom Avant, part of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, Section 19 of Everts Township by Silver Lake, requested the following: To create a metes and bounds parcel at 2.5 acres. Requirement is 5 acres. Wish to retain 32 acres. The audience was polled with no one speaking for or against the variance as requested. After discussion and consideration, Steve Schierer made a motion, seconded by Darren Newville and unanimously carried, to deny the variance as request as no adequate hardship/practical difficult had been shown that would allow for the granting of the variance as requested, the granting of the variance as requested would establish precedence and the applicant has the ability to either comply with the ordinance or to use the platting process to create the desired lot.

Kenneth and Kay Krajsa – Ordinary High-Water Level Variances Approved and Septic System Variances Denied. (6:55 p.m.)

Kenneth and Kay Krajsa, part of Government Lot 3, Section 30 of Corliss Township by Little Pine Lake, requested a variance of 16' to build a second story addition to the dwelling at 59' from the ordinary high-water level. The second story addition will not change the existing footprint and will not be any closer to the lake. Proposed second story addition roofline would match the existing roofline. Requesting a variance of 6.5' for the second story addition to be 3.5' from the septic tank. Requesting a variance of 4.5' to build a 10' by 14' deck 70.5' from the ordinary high-water level. Requesting a 10' variance to build a 10' by 14' deck 0' from the septic tanks. The audience was polled with no one speaking for or against the variance as requested. After discussion and consideration, Steve Schierer made a motion, seconded by Doug Larson and unanimously carried, to approve a variance of 16' from the required ordinary high water level setback of 75' for the construction of a second story addition to the existing dwelling 59' from the ordinary high water level and at least 10' from the septic tank and a variance of 4.5' from the required ordinary high water level setback of 75' for the placement of a 10' by 14' deck 70.5' from the ordinary high water level and at least 10' from the septic tank. The requested variances from the septic tank were denied due to public health safety concerns. The variances as approved do not directly or indirectly grant any other variances for the proposed development.

Rodney and Sheila Kann – Variance application approved as requested. (7:05 p.m.)

Rodney and Sheila Kann, Lot 10 Block 2 and Lot 9 Block 3 Maple Acres, Stuart Lake in Girard Township, requested a variance for second story addition to existing dwelling at 76' from ordinary high-water, requirement 100' and bluff setback of 30', requesting 28'. Dan Barber, Contractor appeared with the applicants. The audience was polled with no one speaking for or against the variance as requested. After consideration and discussion, Darren Newville made a motion, seconded by Kenneth Vorderbrugen and unanimously carried, to approve a variance of 24' from the required ordinary high water level setback of 100' and a variance of 2' from the required bluff setback of 30' for the construction of a second story addition to the existing dwelling 76' from the ordinary high water level and 28' from the bluff. Hardship/practical difficulty is the location of the existing structure and the elevation of the lot. The proposed project does not change the impervious surface coverage. The variances as approved do not directly or indirectly grant any other variances for the proposed development.

Jesse and Kimberly Veil – Variance application approved as requested with a condition. (7:08 p.m.)

Jesse and Kimberly Veil, Lot 4 Block 3 Echo Ranch Riviera 5th Addition, Otter Tail Lake in Otter Tail Township, requested a variance of 9' from the ordinary high-water level setback of 75' to construct a 19' by 20' addition to our cabin. The addition would be 66' from the ordinary high-water level. **November 8, 2018 Meeting** - Prior to the public hearing, the office received an email from Jesse Veil indicating that neither he or his contractor would be able to attend and requested within the body of his email consideration of this application at a later date. After discussion and consideration, Thomas Lee made a motion, seconded by Darren Newville and unanimously carried, to honor Mr. Veil's request and to table the public hearing on his application until a future meeting date.

December 13, 2018 meeting – Joel Cason represented the applicants at the public hearing. The audience was not polled as there was no one in attendance at the time of this hearing. After discussion and consideration, Kenneth Vorderbrugen made a motion, seconded by Doug Larson and unanimously carried, to approve a variance of 9' from the required ordinary high water level setback of 75' for the construction of a 19' by 20' addition to the existing dwelling 66' from the ordinary high water level with the condition that an existing shed must be either removed or placed in a legal location. The variance as approved does not directly or indirectly grant any other variances for the proposed development.

With no further business, Steve Schierer, Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Prepared by:

Wayne Stein, Secretary

The minutes were mailed on Friday, December 14, 2018, to the Otter Tail County Board of Adjustment. Official action regarding these minutes will be taken by the Board of Adjustment at their next regularly scheduled meeting.