

**CHISAGO COUNTY
BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
SEPTEMBER 29 , 2016**

The Chisago County Board of Adjustment met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 29, 2016, in _____ Room of the Government Center with the following Board members present: Chairman Frank Storm, Curtis DeYoung, Dick Daniels, Donna Nowicki, and Gregg Carlson.

Also Present: Tara Guy, Assistant Zoning Director

The Chair called the meeting to order and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call of Board members was taken and a quorum established, with all members present.

Staff Reports on the application had been prepared and distributed in advance to the members, and made available to the audience as well, along with copies of the applicants' files.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA - On motion by DeYoung and second by Nowicki, the meeting agenda was approved as presented.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - On motion by DeYoung and second by Daniels, the minutes of the meeting of August 25, 2016 were approved as drafted.

ADOPTION OF SUBMITTALS/ APPLICATIONS/ STAFF REPORTS - Upon motion by Daniels and second by DeYoung, the Staff Report along with all submittals and associated documents and materials being considered by the Board at the evening's meeting are hereby adopted by reference into the record of proceedings.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

National Park Service - Woody Wimberley of the National Park Service had requested a variance to replace a nonconforming septic system which is located in the floodplain of the St. Croix River. This is located on the National Park property under the Osceola bridge, in Franconia Township, Sec.28, T.33, R.19, at 19381 Osceola Road (PID #04.00247.00). The Franconia Township Board had recommended approval with no conditions. Tara explained that the federal government is exempt from all local land use controls, and as such, didn't actually need this variance. However, due to their own internal policies, in order to actually fund the septic system replacement, they had to show that they were meeting all applicable local regulations, and consequently needed the variance they were exempt from having to get. She presented the variance request on behalf of Mr. Wimberley. The system that presently serves this area of the Park is an old system that is failing to protect groundwater during times of flooding. They wish to replace the system with one that will allow the closing of valves and baffles, and the removal of above-grade peat filter system components, when flooding is anticipated. The variance was necessary because no new development of any kind, including septic systems, is allowed in the floodplain in Chisago County. There was no one present to offer testimony on the variance. After brief discussion, the Board concurred that the new system will replace one that is presently polluting, and as such, was a necessary approval. Curtis DeYoung moved to approve the variance as requested, Donna Nowicki seconded it, and the motion was carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT - Upon motion by Daniels and second by DeYoung, the meeting was adjourned at 7:04 p.m.