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CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Weiers calls the meeting to order at 6pm with the following members present: Steve Johnson, Kendal Braun, John Weiers, Deanna Soderberg, Chris Carlson, and Amy Birnbaum. Loren Lueck arrives at 6:18.

Zoning staff present: Keenan Hayes, Jessica Sonsteby.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE

Chair Weiers led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

APRIL 14TH 2025 BOA PC MINUTES

Mr. Johnson makes a motion to approve the minutes and is seconded by Mr. Carlson to approve the April 14th, 2025 Planning Commission and Board of Adjustments meeting as presented. Motion Carried unanimously 6-0

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Hayes states that the July 14th meeting will be located in the Boardroom.

CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY CRAIG LINBO FOR A VARIANCE

Mr. Linbo speaks about his variance request. The applicant states the structure is small, currently has one bedroom without closets and would like to add an official bedroom and do updates to the bathroom, and update all electrical and plumbing to code.

Chair Weiers states that the applicant is looking to square the building and adding more space and bringing it up to code. Chair Weiers asks if any of the Board members have any questions for Mr. Linbo.

Mr. Hayes reads the staff report.

No written comments.

Public comment opens and closes. No public comments

Mr. Carlson asks if the impervious surface is where it needs to be. Mr Hayes confirms the lot has not exceeded the allowed impervious allotment.

Mr. Johnson says the township had a road vacation just to the south of here, so the lot gained 25'. Mr. Johnson also states the township hand dug the ditch present on this lot.

Mr. Johnson asks if there are only holding tanks on the parcel. Mr. Hayes confirms.

Mr. Johnson makes a motion to approve the request as submitted. Seconded by Ms. Soderberg.

Vote 6-0. Motion Passes

CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY WILLIAM AND ANITA ESHLEMAN FOR A
CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT

Mr. Hayes reads the staff report and explains the need for a conditional use permit within this Township. Mudgett Township has its own zoning ordinance relating to density. In 2015, Mudgett Township worked with the County on the Comprehensive plan. At that time, they chose to have their own zoning district, Agricultural, where a conditional use permit would be required in order to build a second dwelling.

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William Eshleman Jr, 15370 83rd St, Princeton ,MN is here representing his parents, Bill and Anita Eshleman. Mr. Eshleman Jr. explains the need for a second dwelling on the property. The current dwelling is being occupied by their daughter, who is their primary caregiver. The second dwelling will be ADA-compliant since the applicants can not locate an ADA-compliant home near this existing property, so they decided to build it. Mr. Eshleman Jr. says his parents are very active in their community, always helping out other neighbors with equipment repairs and giving out baked goods for birthdays.

One written comment. Mark Johnson, located at 13-031-0200, is located south of the Eshleman. He stated he has no issues with a second dwelling on this property.

Public Comment opens:

Rick Farnick 9636 255th Onamia, MN is one of the neighbors that spoke on behalf of several neighbors at the meeting. They all enjoy the company of Bill and Anita and would love for them to have their primary residence here in Mudgett Township on this parcel.

Public Comment Closes

Mr. Carlson asks Mr. Hayes if Mudgett Township can override the County decision. Mr. Hayes states no, the Township can't override it.

Mr. Johnson asks what happened to the succession of the property. Mr. Hayes states the CUP stays with the property until they violate the terms of the CUP.

Mr. Carlson makes a motion to approve the request as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Braun. Vote 6-0.
Motion Passes

CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY LOGAN'S EXCAVATING FOR A VARIANCE

Mr. Hayes reads the staff report.

Dillon Hayes, the applicant, is here representing Logan's Excavating. 16349 130th Ave, Milaca. Dillon Hayes explains the need for variance due to poor soil in other locations on the property, a gas line and the need to make the dwelling ADA-Compliant.

Loren Lueck arrives at 6:18pm

Mr. Carlson asks Dillon Hayes what type of soil is located on the parcel. Dillon Hayes states sandy loam, with minimal rock. Mr. Carlson asks if they have to excavate the existing soil in order to build the septic. Mr. Carlson asked Dillon about boring the sewer line under Eyota Way, which could happen but would cost more money.

Mr. Carlson asks what the finish would be on the box mound. Dillon Hayes says ICF for the box and a fake stone finish on the outside.

The board asked Mr. Hayes, why recommend denial? Mr. Hayes says that if a septic can be built without a variance, that would be the proper way to go.

No written comment.

Public comment opens.

Diane Berezni, 9962 Eyota Way, speaks about the property in question. The property is owned by her mother, and she currently resides there as her mother's caregiver. She explains that they would like to keep the integrity of the yard by putting the septic where it is proposed. In addition, placing the septic in the north of Eyota Way would cause issues with accessing the dwelling.

Doug Leach, 9958 Eyota Way is fine with the reduced setback for the septic system.

Public comment closes.

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Mr. Carlson asks if the existing mound should be disposed of. Mr. Hayes that they need to be disconnected, but can stay there.

Ms. Soderberg asks Mr. Hayes, what a box mound is. Mr. Hayes explains what a box mound is. The landscaping slopes are removed and a retaining wall is built.

Mr. Johnson makes a motion to approve with the practical difficulty being the soils on the property and is seconded by Mr. Carlson.

Motion carried unanimously 7-0

OTHER BUSINESS:

None

ADJOURNMENT.

Mr. Johnson makes a motion to adjourn and is seconded by Mr. Braun

Motion carried unanimously 7-0