

# MOWER COUNTY

## AUSTIN, MINNESOTA



October 27, 1983

### MINUTES OF THE 66th MEETING OF THE MOWER COUNTY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Members Present: Ken Trom, M. E. Chesebrough

Members Absent: William Milbrath, Conrad Stemson

Others Present: Julie Lewon

The 66th meeting of the Mower County Board of Adjustment was called to order by Chairman Trom on Thursday, October 27, 1983 at 4:05 p.m. in the county court room of the Mower County Courthouse. Minutes of the September 29, 1983 meeting were approved as mailed on a motion by Mr. Chesebrough, seconded by Chairman Trom and passed unanimously.

David Bell - Variance to Allow an Additional Non-Farm Dwelling in a Quarter-Quarter Section: This is a request from David Bell for a variance to allow an additional non-farm dwelling in the S $\frac{1}{2}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , except one acre in the SE corner and except 15 acres in the NE corner, Section 15, Lansing Township. Mr. Bell's father, Donald Bell is the owner of the property. Mr. Bell is proposing to purchase 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  acres of the SE corner of the above described property. This site has never been tilled and has several trees on it. The parents' home is directly to the north and there is an existing non-farm dwelling to the south. The board reviewed the conditions for granting a variance and it was concluded as follows:

- 1) The variance is in harmony with the ordinance intent and general purpose as the major reason for the one non-farm dwelling per quarter-quarter section is to prevent the use of good agricultural land for residential use. In this case no agricultural land would be taken out of production.
- 2) The variance will be consistent with the comprehensive plan as this site is not suitable for farming as the surrounding land is. Also, no agricultural land is being taken out of production.
- 3) Allowing an additional non-farm dwelling would not change the general character of the area. The surrounding area is almost semi-suburban in nature. The site is part of a large side yard of the existing parents' home. Considering the size of the site and the trees and shrubs, the site is not practical for farming.

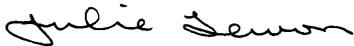
Mr. Chesebrough then made a motion to approve the variance for an additional non-farm dwelling in the quarter-quarter section based on the above findings. Chairman Trom seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Other business: Ms. Lewon told the Board that the November meeting would fall on Thanksgiving. After some discussion, it was decided to hold the meeting on November 17, 1983.

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There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Chesebrough, seconded by Chairman Trom and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Julie Lewon". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Julie Lewon, Secretary