

Coordinated Development In

MOWER COUNTY

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AUSTIN-MOWER COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Minutes of the 101st Meeting of the Mower County Board of Adjustment

Members Present: Merrill Chesebrough, Jen Ulwelling, Ken Trom

Members Absent: Bill Milbrath

Others Present: Katie Losness

The meeting of the Mower County Board of Adjustment was called to order by Chairman Trom on Wednesday, April 27, 1988, at 4:00 p.m. in Conference Room I of the Mower County Courthouse in Austin, Minnesota. Minutes of the November 25, 1987 meeting were approved as mailed on a motion by Mr. Chesebrough, seconded by Mrs. Ulwelling and passed unanimously.

Bruce Bucknell - Variance to Allow an Additional Non-Farm Dwelling in the Quarter-Quarter Section: Ms. Losness read the staff report. Bruce Bucknell is requesting a variance to allow an additional non-farm dwelling in the quarter-quarter section in Racine Township (N 1/2 NE 1/4 E 16 acres, Section 16). He wants to move a mobile home on the parcel for his son north of the existing residence. The surrounding land use and zoning is agriculture; zoned rural.

The Board discussed the regulations for a variance to be granted and determined that:

- 1) The variance is in harmony with the spirit and intent of the Ordinance because it is not taking prime agricultural land out of production, has not been farmed within five years and it is an excellent location for a home.
- 2) It is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan for the reasons stated above.
- 3) The variance would not alter the essential character of the neighborhood, it would not be suitable to deny a use that is well-suited to the area and the present landowner didn't create a hardship. The fact that the adjoining property to the east is part of the ten-year program is indicative of the quality of land.

Mrs. Ulwelling made a motion to approve the variance; it was seconded by Mr. Chesebrough and passed on a 3 - 0 vote.

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Discussion ensued about changing the time of the meeting over the summer months. Mr. Chesebrough made a motion to begin the investigations at 6:30 p.m. with the meeting time to be determined by staff depending upon how many and the length of investigations. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Ulwelling and passed on a 3 - 0 vote.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 4:17 p.m. on a motion made by Mrs. Ulwelling, seconded by Mr. Chesebrough and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Losness

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