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March 29, 1989

Minutes of the 107th Meeting of the Mower County Board of Adjustment

Members Present: Bill Milbrath, Merrill Chesebrough, Jen Ulwelling

Members Absent: Ken Trom

Others Present: Katie Losness

The meeting of the Mower County Board of Adjustment was called to order by Vice-Chair Ulwelling on Wednesday, March 29, 1989, at 4:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Austin-Mower County Planning Department in Austin, Minnesota. Minutes of the January 25, 1989 meeting were approved as mailed on a motion made by Mr. Chesebrough, seconded by Mr. Milbrath and passed unanimously.

Variance for an Additional Non-Farm Dwelling in the Quarter - Quarter Section - Douglas Brick: Ms. Losness read the staff report. Douglas Brick is requesting a variance to allow an additional non-farm dwelling in the quarter - quarter section for his property in Racine Township (W. 500 feet, S. 872 feet, NW 1/4, SW 1/4, Sect. 27). He would like to split off 5 acres of his 10 acre parcel to build an additional non-farm dwelling for himself and sell off the other 5 acre parcel with the first non-farm dwelling. Existing land use is pasture and zoning is rural. The surrounding land use is agricultural and zoning is rural.

Vice-Chair Ulwelling noted for the record that the Board had been out to the site. Ms. Losness read into the record a letter from Racine Township stating they have no objection to the request if all regulations are followed. The Board then reviewed the requirements under which a variance should be granted. They told Mr. Brick that each requirement must be met before it can be granted.

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The first requirement is that the variance be in harmony with the spirit and intent of the Ordinance. The Board felt that the intent of the Ordinance is to preserve agricultural land for farming purposes and not for strictly residential use. The Board could not make this finding since the proposed site is tillable. Therefore, the discussion subsequently centered upon finding another location on the 10 acres for the house. The Board agreed to table the request to allow Mr. Brick to file an amended petition when a different location is determined. This motion was made by Mr. Milbrath, seconded by Mr. Chesebrough and passed unanimously.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned on a motion made by Mr. Milbrath, seconded by Mr. Chesebrough and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Katie Losness
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