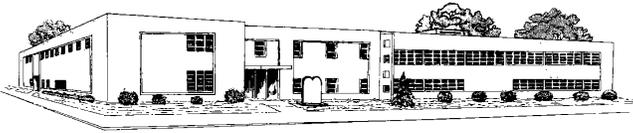


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Minutes of the 112th Meeting of the Mower County Board of Adjustment Meeting

Members Present: Bill Milbrath, Merrill Chesebrough,
Ken Trom, Don Olson

Members Absent: none

Others Present: Katie Losness

The meeting of the Mower County Board of Adjustment was called to order by Chair Trom on Thursday, October 11, 1990, at 4:08 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Austin-Mower County Planning Department in Austin, Minnesota. Minutes of the May 30, 1990, meeting were approved as mailed on a motion made by Mr. Milbrath, seconded by Mr. Chesebrough and passed unanimously.

Variance of 17 Feet from the Required 40 Foot Setback from the Road Right-of-Way - Evanger Lutheran Church: Ms. Losness read the staff report. The Evanger Lutheran Church is requesting a 17 foot variance from the required 40 foot setback from the right-of-way to allow them to build an addition to their church in Sargeant Township (W 264.75 ft. S 441.25 ft. SW 1/4 NW 1/4 exc W 57.75 ft. N 111.25 ft., Section 2). They would like to build an addition 12 feet to the south and 28 feet to the east and would not be encroaching into the right-of-way any more than the existing structure already does. Existing use is a church and zoning is Agricultural District. Surrounding land use and zoning is all Agricultural.

The Board made their inspection prior to the meeting. Ms. Losness told the Board that the Planning Department had received no correspondence or telephone calls regarding the request.

The Board then reviewed the statutory requirements for granting a variance. They found that the variance was in harmony with the spirit and intent of the Ordinance as the purpose is to avoid encroaching too close to the road right-of-way that would impede widening of the road. The existing structure is already significantly closer to the right-of-way than the required 40 foot setback and this would not be establishing a new setback. The Board also found that the variance was consistent with the Comprehensive Plans for the above reasons.

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The Board found practical difficulties were shown as this is a pre-existing structure and the church wants to enclose their entry so this would be the only location to accomplish this.

Roger Larson was present from the Evanger Lutheran Church but did not have anything to add to the Board's findings. He thanked the Board for their willingness to have the special meeting so they could get started before winter.

Mr. Olson then made a motion to approve the 17 foot variance from the required 40 foot setback. The motion was seconded by Mr. Milbrath and passed unanimously.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Milbrath.

Respectfully submitted,



Katie Losness