

**LAKE COUNTY BOARD of ADJUSTMENT
DECEMBER 9, 2009**

Meeting Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT: Clarence Brazil, Mike Marchetti, Tim McGinnis

STAFF PRESENT: Sue Shannon, LaDana Hintz

Mike Marchetti called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm

Motion by Tim McGinnis, and seconded by Clarence Brazil, to approve the November 18, 2009 meeting minutes. Vote unanimous to approve minutes.

ROBINSON DENSITY VARIANCE

(See attachments to minutes in December 09 meeting file for staff report.)

LaDana Hintz gave the staff report presentation to the Board. There were two letters of public comment and a copy of letter from the Lake County Environmental Health Department to Mr. Robinson handed out to the Board at the meeting.

Mike Marchetti asked the applicant if he would like to address the Board.

Peter Robinson felt he should give a little history to explain his ignorance that is somewhat causing this situation. He and his wife built their home 35 years ago and didn't even have a septic system for the first 10 years. Although it is no excuse, he is struggling somewhat to understand today's standards. He mentioned that the Planning and Environmental Health Departments have helped them navigate the process. He and his wife wanted a guesthouse because their two kids have families now in other parts of the state and need a place stay when they come to visit and for holidays. In Spring 2008 he began construction on his own and immediately realized it was a monster project and he big off more than he could chew. His son and his family recently moved to the area. His son and grandson and his little brother from the Big Brother Program began to help with the construction in the summer and they made great progress. When it was time for school to start, his grandson was enrolled in the Bigfork School District. Around that time the idea arose that his son and his family could live in the guesthouse. They began aware of the county requirements when he applied for an address. Since then the staff has been helpful. He is looking for stability in his grandsons' life. The grandson is 14 years old and has been bounced around a lot. Stability is important in the high school years.

Public comment period opened:

No public present

Closed to public comment.

Mike Marchetti asked the Board if there was any final discussion on the proposal or issues they saw with it.

Clarence Brazil stated he felt the staff analysis and recommendation addressed all the items he felt needed to be addressed in this request.

Mike Marchetti stated that # 2 of Staff Recommendation was something that he would have requested to be addressed, but since it's covered he

Tim motion to grant the variances with the Staff Recommendation and adopt the analysis and findings included in the report.

Motion by Tim, and seconded by Clarence, to approve the variance with staff recommendations. Motion carried, all in favor.

Motion by Mike Marchetti to adjourn, and Tim McGinnis seconded. Motion carried, all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 4:19 pm.