

The following is the agenda for **Thursday, April 30, 2026 at 6:00pm** the Todd County Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing in the Commissioner's Boardroom, Historic Courthouse, 215 1st Ave South, Suite 301, Long Prairie.

NOTE: This meeting is again being held in-person, and the public is encouraged to attend. Those who do attend in person can find parking atop the hill on the west side of the Historic Courthouse and enter through the North Doors, near the American Flag and monument.

If you have any concerns or questions in regard to the upcoming meeting and the applications on the agenda, feel free to contact the Planning & Zoning Office at either **(320) 732-4420** or toddplan.zone@co.todd.mn.us. All correspondence must include name & mailing address and be received 48 hours before the date and time of the hearing.

Agenda

- Call to Order
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Introduction of Board of Adjustment Members and process review
- Approval of agenda
- Approval of April 23rd, 2026, Board of Adjustments meeting minutes
- The applicant is introduced
 - Staff report
 - Applicant confirms if staff report accurately represents the request
 - Site Visit Review
 - Public comment
 - Board review with applicant, staff, and public

1. Parker & Heidi Kretsch: Section 29, Grey Eagle Township, Big Birch Lake

Site Address: 10563 Co. Rd. 47, Grey Eagle, MN 56336

PID: 11-0042500

1. Request to reduce the lake setback from 100' to 93' for the construction of a deck attached to an existing cabin in Recreational Development Shoreland Zoning District.

Adjournment.

Next meeting: **May 28, 2026**



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PLANNING & ZONING 215 1st Avenue South, Suite 103 Long Prairie, MN 56347 Phone: 320-732-4420 Fax: 320-732-4803 Email: ToddPlan.Zone@Co.Todd.MN.US

Accepted 4/9/2026 KLM

Appeal for a Variance

Applicant Parker Kretsch + Heidi Kretsch
Mailing Address 106 Lilac Ave Aurora, SD 57002
Site Address 10563 Co Rd 47 Grey Eagle, MN 56336
Phone Number [Redacted]
E-Mail Address [Redacted]
Property Owners Name & Address (if not applicant)

Parcel Number(s) 11-0042500

Section: 29 Township Grey Eagle

Zoning District (circle one): AF-1; AF-2; R-10; R-2; UG; RT; Commercial; Industry; or

Shoreland (Lake or River Name): Big Birch Lake

Full and Current Legal Description(s): Attached (attach if necessary)

Do you own land adjacent to this parcel(s) Yes X No

Septic System: Date installed 6/9/2009 Date of Compliance Inspection 10/2/23

Is a new system needed: yes X no STS Design attached

Required for applications with existing septic systems: Approved design submitted for new system to be installed, new system installed within previous 5 years, or passing compliance inspection on existing system in previous 3 years

Variations Requested:

What standards or requirements are you unable to maintain? (Check all that apply)

Lot width Lot area Lake or River setback X Bluff setback
Road right-of-way setback Side Yard setback Buildable area
Impervious surface coverage Building/Structure Height Other

Did you meet with the Township Board to present the Application for Variance?

Yes X No Date of the meeting 4/6/26

Optional Township Board Signature

Board Position

EXHIBIT 'A'

A.P.N. 11-0042500

Legal Description

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LIST YOUR VARIANCE REQUEST(s) and what, if the variance were granted, you intend to build or use the land for. **For example:** "Request to reduce the 10ft structural setback from my west side lot line to 8ft for the construction of a detached garage to be used for vehicle and personal storage."

1.) Request to reduce the required 100-foot shoreline setback from OHWL to approximately 93 feet to allow for the construction of a deck attached to the existing cabin.

3.)

4.)

****State Statutes Section 394.7 Subd7: Variances: Practical Difficulties.** The BOA shall have the exclusive power to order the issuance of variances from the requirements of any official control including restrictions placed on nonconformities. Variances shall only be permitted when they are in harmony with the general purposes and intent of official control, and when variances are consistent with the comprehensive plan. Variances may be granted when the applicant for the variance establishes that there are practical difficulties in complying with official rules; the plight of the landowner is due to circumstances unique to the property not created by the landowner; and the variance, if granted, will not alter the essential character of the locality. Economic considerations alone do not constitute practical difficulties.

The Board of Adjustment may impose conditions in the granting of a variance. A condition must be directly related to and must bear a rough proportionality to the impact created by the variance.

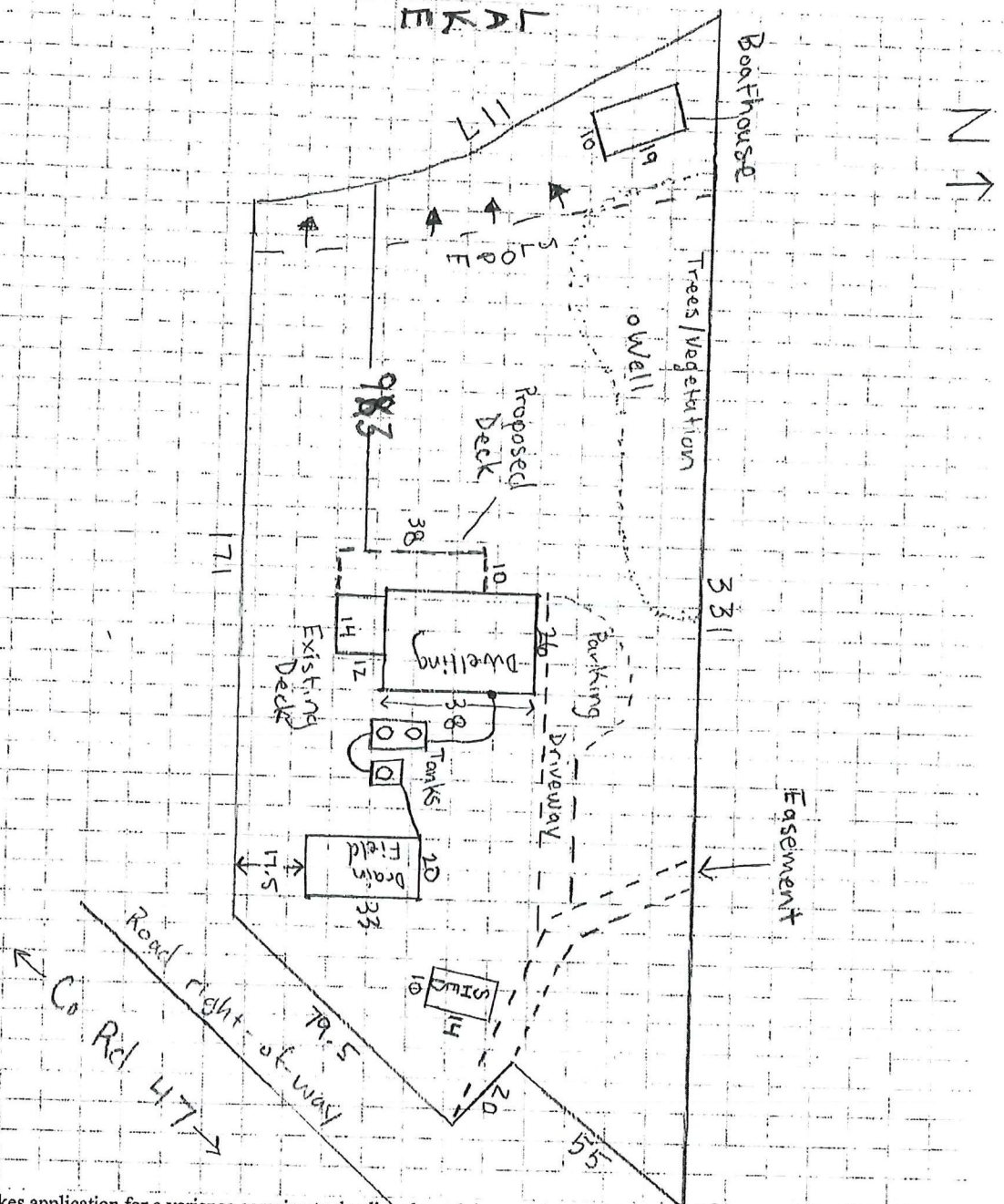
EXPLAIN YOUR PRACTICAL DIFFICULTIES or reason why you need your request approved.**

At the cabins location as I purchased it, it would only allow for a 3-foot deck to be added. Three feet does not allow for reasonable functionality of a typical lake home deck. In order to fully appreciate the beauty of the natural resources surrounding the property/cabin, a 10-foot deck should be built pending approval. Ten feet (7-foot variance) is minimal, and BMP's for impervious surfaces will be implemented.

It is important that you flag your related property lines and proposed building locations

Have you flagged your lot? (Y)(N)

SKETCH DRAWING



The applicant or agent hereby makes application for a variance agreeing to do all such work in accordance with all Todd County Ordinances. Applicant or agent agrees that site plan, sketches, and other attachments submitted herewith are true and accurate. Applicant or agent agrees that, in making application for a variance grants permission to Todd County, at reasonable times during the application process and thereafter, to enter applicant's premises to determine the feasibility of granting said variance or for compliance of that application with any applicable county, state, or federal ordinances or statutes. If any of the information provided by the applicant in his/her application is alter found or determined by the county to be inaccurate, the County may revoke the variance based upon the supply of inaccurate information.

If the applicant is not the property owner, both signatures are required below.

Parker Kretsch
Applicant Name Printed

Parker Kretsch
Signature

4/1/26
Date

Property Owner Name Printed

Signature (if different than applicant)

Date

Appeal for Variance

IMPERVIOUS SURFACE WORKSHEET (FOR SHORELAND ONLY)

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name Parker Kretsch Site Address 10563 Co Rd 47
 Phone [REDACTED] City Grey Eagle State MN Zip 56336
 Mailing Address 106 Lilac Ave Parcel Number 11 - 0042500
Aurora, SD 57002 Lake/River Name Big Birch

IMPERVIOUS SURFACE: is a constructed hard surface that either prevents or retards the entry of water into the soil or causes water to run off the surface in greater quantities & at an increased rate of flow than prior to development.

LOT/STRUCTURE DIMENSIONS

Total lot area: 25265 sq ft

List all structures (structure's foundation footprint: length, width, and total area)

	Existing		Proposed
1. Cabin	26 x 38	988	
2. shed	10 x 14	140	
3. Boat house	10 x 19	190	
4.			
5.			
6.			
7.			
8.			

List all non-roofed hard surfaces: Examples include sidewalks, paver stones, retaining walls, patios, decks, driveways & parking areas (asphalt, concrete or gravel), and areas of landscaping underlain with plastic or other impervious liners:

	Existing		Proposed
1. Stairs	36 x 3	108	Deck $(10 \times 38) + (12 \times 1.5) = 398$
2. Driveway	140 x 12	1680	
3. Deck	12 x 14	168	
4. Parking	12 x 16	192	
5.			
6.			
7.			
8.			

Total of 25% of lot may be covered by impervious surfaces (15% of which are from roofed structures)

1. List in the table below any efforts by landowner to reduce project impact by removing or reducing impervious surfaces.

List Structure or Impervious Surface to Be removed	Square footage to be removed	Location of structure or impervious surface to be removed (see table below)		
Example: concrete drive to lake	8' x 35' = 280 sq ft	(C) Within Impact Zone		
Location of variance request in reference to Ordinary High Water level		General Development Lake	Recreational Development Lake	Natural Environment Lake and Rivers / Streams
A. Outside shoreland building setback		75'+	100'+	150' +
B. Between Shore Impact Zone and Building Setback		37.5' to 75'	50' to 100'	75' to 150'
C. Within Shore Impact Zone		0 to 37.5'	0 to 50'	0 to 75'

2. List below any Storm Water Management Best Management Practices (BMP's) that will be installed to help mitigate impacts of development.

INFILTRATION BMP's

List any measures you plan on taking to increase water infiltration and retention. Examples include rain gutters, rain gardens, retention swales, berms, sub-surface tile, etc. Efforts to install BMP's will be graded positively in the site evaluation. Locate projects on site map.

We will manage rain water through the use of gutters and downspouts discharging to natural pervious areas to promote infiltration. The proposed deck will be constructed with minimal ground disturbance. The existing site grade will be maintained to prevent runoff toward the lake.

VEGETATION BMP's

Vegetation planting along lake shore areas is also a Best Management Practice. Planting areas of your lakeshore impact zone with permanent vegetation helps infiltrate water, reduce lake impact, provide habitat, and screen the dwelling from other lake users. Plantings are graded positively in the site evaluation. List any areas to be planted or restored and mark the location on your site map.

Any disturbed areas caused by construction that are still able to receive sunlight will get reseeded with grass. Under the deck we will layer rock to main the integrity of the surface. Also, shrubs will be planted along the deck to absorb any excess moisture and further hold and maintain the pervious surface.

TODD COUNTY, MINNESOTA
No Delinquent Taxes
Transfer Entered
Certificate of Real estate value received 260050/eCRV1845068

Date 02-03-2026
Deed tax: \$1,732.50
Todd County Property Records &
Taxpayer Services
PID 11-0042500

Document #: A549873

02-03-2026 at 10:37 AM
KIMBERLY BOSL
TODD COUNTY RECORDER
Long Prairie, MN
Fee Amount: \$100.00

Return via MAIL:

F & BANK
101 N. MARSHALL AVE
PO BOX 126
SPRINGFIELD, MN 56007

(Top 3 inches reserved for recording data)

**WARRANTY DEED
Individual(s) to Individual(s)**

**Minnesota Uniform Conveyancing Blanks
Form 10.1.1 (2018)**

eCRV number: 1845068

DEED TAX DUE: \$ 1,732.50

DATE: January 28, 2026
(month/day/year)

FOR VALUABLE CONSIDERATION, Cheri Citrowske, fka Cheri Gagne, a single person

(insert name and marital status of each Grantor)

("Grantor"),

hereby conveys and warrants to Parker Kretsch and Heidi Kretsch

(insert name of each Grantee)

("Grantee"), as

(Check only one box.) tenants in common,
 joint tenants,

(If more than one Grantee is named above and either no box is checked or both boxes are checked, this conveyance is made to the named Grantees as tenants in common.)

real property in Todd County, Minnesota, legally described as follows:

See Exhibit "A" Attached Hereto and Made a Part Hereof.

Check here if all or part of the described real property is Registered (Torrens)

together with all hereditaments and appurtenances belonging thereto, subject to the following exceptions:

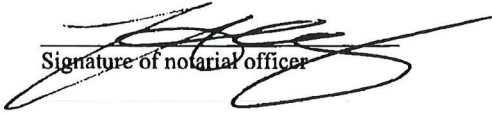
Check applicable box:

- The Seller certifies that the Seller does not know of any wells on the described real property.
- A well disclosure certificate accompanies this document or has been electronically filed. (If electronically filed, insert WDC number: 1095884).
- I am familiar with the property described in this instrument and I certify that the status and number of wells on the described real property have not changed since the last previously filed well disclosure certificate.


 Cheri Citrowske, fka Cheri Gagne

STATE OF MINNESOTA, COUNTY OF HENNEPIN

This instrument was acknowledged before me on 26th day of January, 2026, by Cheri Citrowske, fka Cheri Gagne, a single person.


 Signature of notarial officer



Title and Rank

My Commission Expires:

THIS INSTRUMENT WAS DRAFTED BY:
 Edgewater Title Group, LLC
 3601 Minnesota Dr
 Suite #870
 Bloomington, MN 55435

TAX STATEMENTS FOR THE REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN
 THIS INSTRUMENT SHOULD BE SENT TO:
 Parker Kretsch and Heidi Kretsch
 106 Lilac Ave
 Aurora, SD 57002

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GREY EAGLE TOWNSHIP BOARD

212 East State Street

Grey Eagle, MN 56336

Date: April 6th, 2026

To Whom It May Concern:

On this 6th day of April, 2026, information regarding a variance request filed with the **Todd County Planning and Zoning Department** provided by Grey Eagle Township residents, **Parker Kretsch and Heidi Kretsch** were presented to the board for review and discussion.

The subject of the variance request involves the property located at:

10563 Co Rd 47, Grey Eagle, Mn 56336


The request as described is for:

A minimal variance appeal of 7 feet for the addition of a deck on an existing cabin.

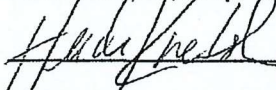
This letter serves solely as an acknowledgment that the property owners presented to the Township Board for the purpose of discussion only. **The Grey Eagle Township Board holds no authority, assumes no responsibility, and accepts no liability** in regard to the approval, denial, or enforcement of this or any other variance request. The requirement for presentation was made by **Todd County Planning and Zoning**, and not by the Township Board.

This record is provided at the request of the County as part of its variance application process.


Signatures:



Parker Kretsch, Property Owner – 605-695-6830



Heidi Kretsch, Property Owner – 507-430-5547

 4-6-26

Chairperson, Grey Eagle Township Board, Michael A. Rohe



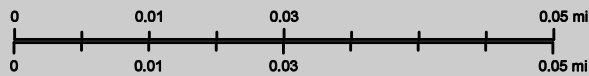
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GIS Site Map



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