

PLANNING & ZONING

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The following is the agenda for <u>Thursday</u>, <u>July 24th</u>, <u>2025 at 6:00pm</u> 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 June 26th, 2025 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. Theresa & Tom Petermeier: Section 11, Birchdale Township, Sauk Lake

Site Address: 12918 Bayview Drive, Sauk Centre, MN 56378

PID: 03-0030300

- 1. Request to reduce the lake setback from 100' to 65' for construction of dwelling replacement in Recreational Development Shoreland Zoning District.
- 2. Request to increase the height of a structure within the setback from 18' to 25' for dwelling replacement in Recreational Development Shoreland Zoning District.

Adjournment. Next meeting: August 28th, 2025

Minutes of the Todd County Board of Adjustment Meeting

June 26, 2025

Completed by: Sue Bertrand P&Z Staff

Site Visits conducted by Adam Ossefoort and Russ VanDenheuvel on June 20, 2025.

Meeting attended by board members: Chair Russ VanDenheuvel, Rick Johnson, Mike Soukup, Danny Payton, Planning Commission Liaison Ken Hovet and alternate Larry Bebus.

Staff members: Adam Ossefoort and Sue Bertrand

Other members of the public: Sign-in Sheet is available for viewing upon request.

Russ called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Each board member introduced themselves and Russ explained the process for those attending.

Ken motioned to have the agenda approved as written. Larry seconded, voice vote, no dissent heard. Motion carried.

Rick motioned to have the May 22nd, 2025 meeting minutes approved. Danny seconded the motion, voice vote, no dissent heard. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM 1: Theresa & Tom Petermeier – PID 03-0030300 – Birchdale Township Request(s):

- 1. Request to reduce the lake setback from 100' to 80' for construction of dwelling replacement in Recreational Development Shoreland Zoning District.
- 2. Request to increase the height of a structure within the setback from 18' to 25' for dwelling replacement in Recreational Development Shoreland Zoning District.

Dan Peyton recused himself from the first application.

Theresa & Tom were present as the applicants.

Staff Findings: Adam read the staff report. The staff report is available for viewing upon request in the Planning & Zoning Office.

Proposed Condition(s):

- 1. Maintain a minimum of 50% screening as viewed from the lake during leaf on conditions.
- 2. Establishment of a stormwater controls as proposed in the application.
- 3. Establishment of a 15' vegetated buffer along the entirety of the lake frontage. A 10' wide maintained access path shall be allowed for lake access.

Theresa and Tom confirmed the staff report was accurate.

Russ went over his Site Visit Report for the board. This report may be viewed in full, upon request at the Planning and Zoning Office.

Correspondence received: None

Public comment: Dan Peyton, 21849 State 287, Long Prairie, stated this particular road runs right down the center of the peninsula going out to Diamond Point, it is traveled fairly heavy, compared to most of our roads, moving this structure closer to the road would probably be a safety concern. People who live on the other side of the road are sloping the other way, so the height of this structure would not affect anybody across the road. There is a sewer and water concern, should the structure be moved to the left.

Theresa stated they have a new sewer design for proposed new septic.

Dan continued, the well is still there on that corner of the house, and stated he doesn't know where else they could put it.

Board discussion:

Russ asked if the Sauk River Watershed commented on this.

Adam, we had no commentary from them.

Larry asked going from 18 to 25 feet, how does that fit in with the neighbors other than across the street?

Tom stated they cannot see it at all, and Theresa added, due to the existing trees.

Ken asked Russ as he was on site what he thought.

Russ stated he thought it was perfect, moved away from the lake, so that is a plus and if we put some conditions on their water run-off he thinks it is a plus.

Ken asked to go back to the plot plan, the part of the structure not meeting the setback is the SE? Asked if they could move it 90 degrees and stay in the setbacks?

Theresa showed and explained how any way they turn it would encroach on the setback.

Larry stated you are currently 53 feet from the lake now?

Theresa correct, on the NW corner, it is considered the high-water mark even though it is considered it is unusable, no boats can get in there.

Russ asked about the slope coming off the road.

Theresa explained their idea was to bring that up a little bit so there is less of a slope.

Rick noted the height included a walk out portion of the basement and asked if they are going to stick with the same elevation for the new structure? Will there be a lot of excavating?

Theresa stated they will possibly be doing a little more leveling, so there is less run-off to the lake.

Rick asked for clarification on the plot plan drawing and pointed out, on the overhead how the lake setback line to the North is unclear.

Sees a practical difficulty, but are you meeting the criteria, and are you putting the house where it minimizes the variance? He added he thinks they have. Wanted to ask them what is so great about that site that you want the house to be there?

Theresa stated she had Kevin out about three years ago and they have been trying to remodel their existing house. They have a handicapped daughter with mobility issues and now it is going downhill to get to the house and would like to be farther away from the lake, for more usable yard space and easier access for her daughter.

Rick stated they have picked the best spot. You need the land, the trees and the buffer zone, just an odd shaped lot, just not deep enough and have a lot of land for storm water management.

Ken asked her to trace out where the shoreline is as the measurement could be a pin and not the shoreline.

Theresa explained on the overhead, and explained it is swamp area or wetland.

Adam stated 80 is the number

Danny stated you have shoreland and wetland, and the 65 feet is not shoreline, it is wetland.

Rick stated when we do not have all of the facts for the circumstances, you run the risk of it being denied.

Adam stated the only way to get that answer is to talk to the surveyor.

Mike suggested to table until we get the information.

All agreed.

Theresa and Tom requested to table for more information.

Adam told them he would give them his contact information and tomorrow he will let them know what information we are looking for.

Rick agreed they are confused with what they are looking at, as it may be a distance of 65-feet to the North property line or to the OHW, so talk to the surveyor.

Ken delineate the shoreline and the setbacks, it would help the board a lot, and they are on an impaired lake.

Mike asked if the 100-foot setback can cross through another persons' property?

Adam, yes, the shortest distance and may cross over property lines.

Rick motioned to accept the applicants request to table for more information. Mike seconded. Voice vote, no dissent heard, motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM 2: Joe & Ann Williams – PID 11-0048200 & 11-0053000 – Grey Eagle Township Request(s):

1. Request to reduce the Road Right of Way setback from 35' to 26' for proposed shed placement in Recreational Development Shoreland District.

Joe and Ann were present as the applicants.

Staff Findings: Adam read the staff report. The staff report is available for viewing upon request in the Planning & Zoning Office.

Proposed Condition(s):

1. Maintain a minimum of 50% screening as viewed from the lake during leaf on conditions.

Joe and Ann confirmed the staff report was accurate.

Russ went over his Site Review Report for the board. This report may be viewed in full, upon request at the Planning and Zoning office.

Correspondence: None.

Public comment: None.

Board discussion:

Ken asked if it is a township road?

Ann stated it is a publicly dedicated private road, privately maintained.

Russ, does anybody live there year-round?

Ann stated there are nine cottages and eight of them are seasonal. Theirs' is the only one with a furnace, for them to be there in the winter. If they need it plowed, they have to call someone to plow the entire road.

Russ stated you can hardly even call it a minimum maintenance road, 33' from the center of the roadway is a stretch of your imagination.

Adam stated he believed the right of way is a total of twelve feet wide.

Rick stated he is very familiar with this area, on Cottonwood you drive in, it's a private road, there is a gate and you feel like you are way up north at cabins, out in the woods. It's a narrow, gravel road, dead end, not a lot of traffic there, and as far as safety concerns, for a variance on the setbacks, he has no concerns with what they are asking for.

Ken agreed, he has no concerns.

Ann stated when they built their cabin, they brought in lumber, and they had to bring it in on smaller trucks, as there is no place to even turn around. They had to use her driveway. Even gas trucks have to use her driveway because there in no place to turn around.

Danny, alternate site, asked why they cannot be moved over to the right parcel?

Ann explained the septic drain field and tanks prevent it from fitting and there are more slopes with faster run-off. Thought they had more room over there, but after measuring, found out they couldn't do it.

Danny, already ten feet from the property line on the left, so it is as far over as it can be.

Rick felt this is very similar to the first. Feels they found the best spot, however, with only ten feet between the shed and the house that would make him feel uncomfortable and cramped. Why not simply move it ten feet away from the road and attach it right to the existing house?

Ann, there is an egress window on the north side of the house which would then open into the garage, and the utilities come in on the north side of the house. Had considered that, and actually had a builder come out and look at it, too. She continued, it is not like they will be looking out the windows across an alley into the shed wall, because there are no windows on that side of the house.

Ken only looking at 9' of right of way setback and has no problem with that.

Russ agreed.

Danny, the house would be hiding the shed and the shed meets the height requirement.

Rick stated he thinks it is reasonable, and stated it is not like there are going to be cars zooming down this road as it ends two or three lots down. Sometimes we can and must balance the land owner needs with the County needs and what they want to do is reasonable.

Danny, not an oversized shed. Asked if it was surveyed? Is the road centered in the right of way?

Ann stated her drawing started with the survey.

Adam, pretty well centered.

Mike stated he would like to see some stormwater management.

Rick agreed, however, the application has to do with safety for this request, and the conditions have to do with the variance request. This has to do with a road setback and safety, not stormwater management and protecting the lake.

Joe offered, they are planning on putting rain gutters that will direct the water up and around. They never cut any trees down, unless they fall down. Everything is the way it has always been. His mother used to have a small cabin there, by her grandfather, who used to live on the lake and probably owned all of that property and sold it off to people from Kansas City, for fishing. They have never mitigated anything along the shoreline, at all.

Rick complimented, that is fantastic and they have been good stewards of the lake. Stated nearly the only house that is 100 feet from the lake in that area, and they have 100 feet of vegetation in front of them.

Ann, 105 feet.

Rick, you have been a good steward of the land, you have squeezed the shed where you have, and stated he felt that was reasonable.

Danny motioned to approve with the one condition, seconded by Ken.

1. Maintain a minimum of 50% screening as viewed from the lake during leaf on conditions. Roll call vote commenced as follows:

Board member	Vote (yes or no)
Larry Bebus	Yes
Mike Soukup	Yes
Ken Hovet	Yes
Rick Johnson	Yes
Danny Peyton	Yes
Russ VanDenheuvel	Yes

Motion carried.

Dan motioned to adjourn and Rick seconded. Voice vote to adjourn. No dissention heard. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 6:59 PM.



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Accepted so pors Receipt 2025-0240

Appeal for a Variance

Applicant Theresa & Ton Pet	ie (Mei + C
Mailing Address 12918 Bayview	Drive, Sauk Centre
Site Address Same Phone Number	'
È-Mail Address	
Property Owners Name & Address (if not applicant	
Parcel Number(s) 63-630.300	
Section: 11 Township Birchdale	
Zoning District (circle one): AF-1; AF-2; R-10;	
Shoreland (Lake or River Name):S	auk Lake (RD)
Full and Current Legal Description(s):	hed
	necessary)
Do you own land adjacent to this parcel(s)Y	es X No
Septic System: Date installedD	
Is a new system needed:yesno	STS Design attached
Required for applications with existing septic system to be installed, new system installed with inspection on existing system in previous 3 years	
Variances Requested: What standards or requirements are you unable to n	naintain? (Check all that apply)
Lot width Lot area Lake or Rive	r setback Bluff setback
Road right-of-way setback Side Yard set	back Buildable area
Impervious surface coverage Building/Stru	cture Height
Did you meet with the Township Board to present the	Application for Variance?
Yes No Date of the meeting 5/3	Chair
Optional Township Board Signature	Board Position

to 8ft for the construction of a detached garage to be used for vehicle and personal storage."
1.) Reguest to Increase Set back from 53 to 80' decrease 100
2.) New house Height up to 25", increase from 18'
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. Move house Bask for Move Your Space Space Move house are floor living.
It is important that you flag your related property lines and proposed building locations
Have you flagged your lot? (Y) (N)

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

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.	
Tom Retermeter	Lon Asternia	5/30/25
Applicant Name Printed The (15a) Petermeier Property Owner Name Printed	Signature Signature (If different than applicant)	Date Date Date

Appeal for Variance

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Updated 1/10/2025

TODD COUNTY, MINNESOTA No Delinquent Taxes Transfer Entered Certificate of Real estate value received 210705/eCRV 1327057

Date 10-05-2021 Deed tax: \$1,353.00 Todd County Property Records & Taxpayer Services PID 03-0030300/14-0011800 Document #: A528254

ELECTRONICALLY RECORDED ON 10-05-2021 at 10:55 AM LINDA DAOUST TODD COUNTY RECORDER Long Prairie, MN Fee Amount: \$96.00

Minnesota Uniform Conveyancing Blanks Form No.5-M-WARRANTY DEED Individual(s) to Joint Tenants

No delinquent taxes and transfer of Real Estate Value	entered; Certificate
Filed	not required
Certificate of Real Estate Value	No. 1527051
Date:	
	County Auditor
by	

STATE DEED TAX DUE HEREON: \$1,353.00

Date: October 5, 2021

FOR VALUABLE CONSIDERATION, Betty Lou Berg, a single person, Grantor, hereby convey(s) and warrant(s) to Thomas Petermeier and Theresa Petermeier, Grantees as joint tenants, real property in Todd County, Minnesota, described as follows:

That part of Government Lot 1 of Section 11, Township 127, Range 34, Todd County, Minnesota, and that part of Government Lot No. 2 (being also the NE 1/2 NE 1/2) of Section 14, Township 127, Range 34, Todd County, Minnesota described as follows: Commencing at the southwest corner of said Government Lot 1; thence on a record bearing of South 89 degrees 53 minutes 37 seconds East along the south line of said Government Lot No. 1, 277.60 feet; thence deflecting to the left; 62 degrees 27 minutes 00 seconds (as measured from east to north) and on a bearing of North 27 degrees 39 minutes 23 seconds East, 42.00 feet to the point of beginning of the land to be described; thence South 27 degrees 39 minutes 23 seconds West along the last described line 42.00 feet to the south line of said Government Lot No. 1; thence North 89 degrees 53 minutes 37 seconds West along said south line 33.45 feet to the southeasterly line of an existing road; thence South 28 degrees 58 minutes 37 seconds West 35.50 feet along the southeasterly line of the platted Public Driveway of Diamond Point Subdivision according to the recorded plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the County Recorder, Todd County, Minnesota; thence South 82 degrees 16 minutes 43 seconds West along said southeasterly line 78.00 feet to the east line of Lot 1 of said Diamond Point Subdivision; thence South 01 degrees 08 minutes 53 seconds West along the east line of said Lot 1, 117 feet more or less to the lakeshore of Sauk Lake; thence easterly, northeasterly, northerly, northwesterly, along said lakeshore to its intersection with a line which bears South 89 degrees 53 minutes 37 seconds East from the point of beginning; thence North 89 degrees 53 minutes 37 seconds West along said line 40 feet more or less to the point of beginning.

AND

That part of Government Lot No. 1 of Section 11, Township 127, Range 34, Todd County, Minnesota described as follows: Commencing at the southwest corner of said Government Lot 1; thence on a record bearing of South 89 degrees 53 minutes 37 seconds East along the south line of said Government Lot No. 1 244.15 feet to the point of beginning of the land to be described; thence continue South 89 degrees 53 minutes 37 seconds East along said south line 33.45 feet; thence North 27 degrees 39 minutes 23 seconds East 42.00 feet; thence South 89 degrees 53 minutes 37 seconds East 30.00 feet; thence North 73 degrees 01 minutes 33 seconds West 62.88 feet to the southeasterly line of an existing road; thence South 22 degrees 21 minutes 44 seconds West along said existing road 59.95 feet to the point of beginning.

Awell disclosure certificate has been electronically file # 10562914.

together with all hereditaments and appurtenances belonging thereto, subject to the following exceptions: Reservations, Declarations, Covenants, Restrictions, and Easements of record, if any.

Affix Deed Tax Stamp here

Betty Lou Berg

STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF STEARNS

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 4th day of October, 2021, by Betty Lou Berg, a single person, Grantor (s).

NOTARIAL STAMP OR SEAL (OR OTHER TITLE OR RANK)

MARY J. KLIMEK
NOTARY PUBLIC - MINNESOTA
My Commission Expires January 31, 2023

THIS INSTRUMENT WAS DRAFTED BY (NAME AND ADDRESS)

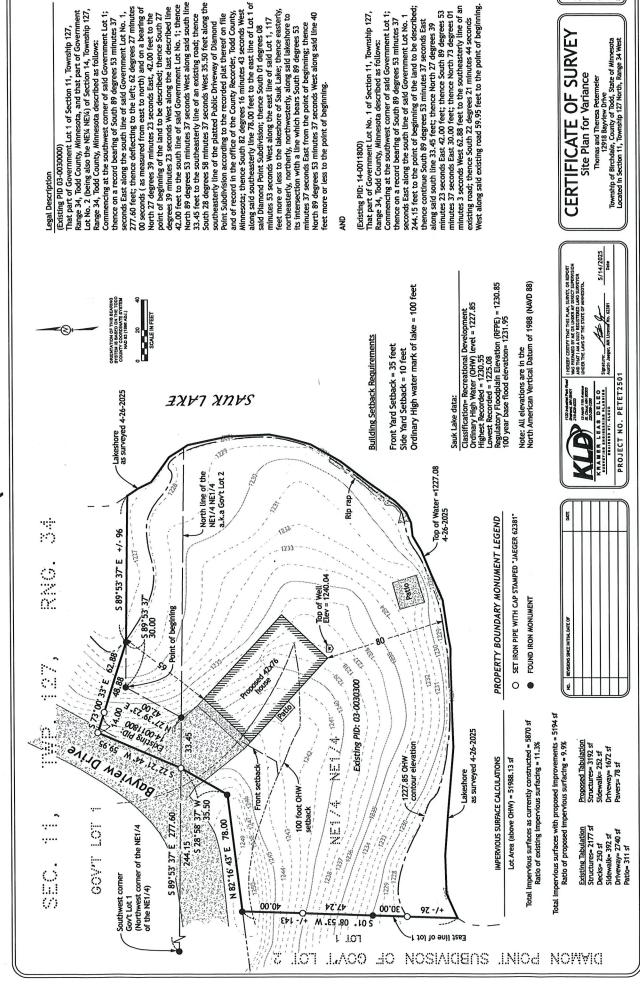
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Tax Statements for the real property described in this instrument should be sent to (Include name and address of Grantee)

Thomas Petermeier and Theresa Petermeier

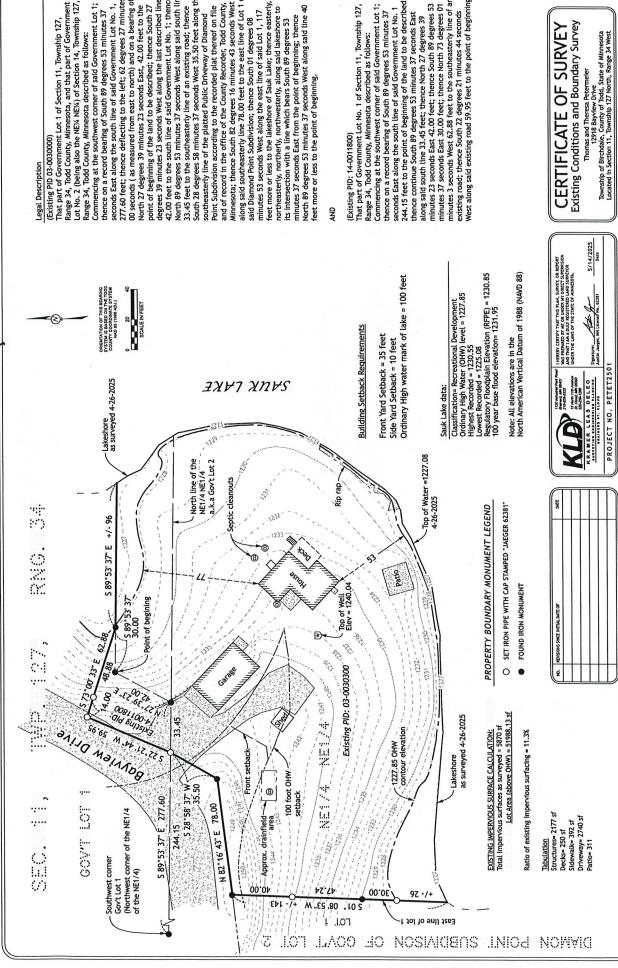
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Existing Conditions and Boundary Survey CERTIFICATE OF SURVEY

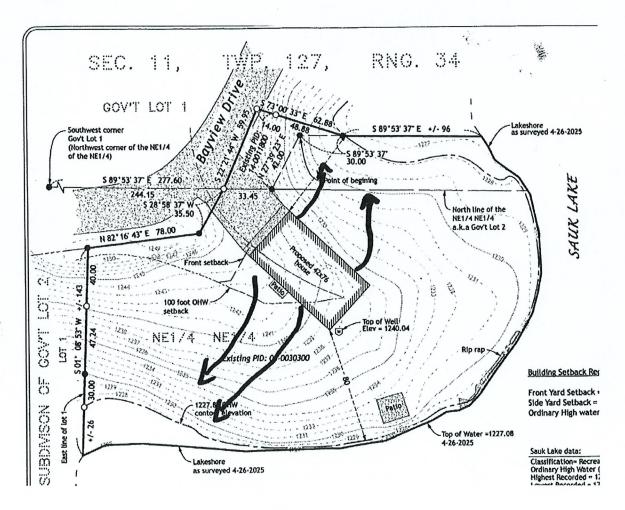
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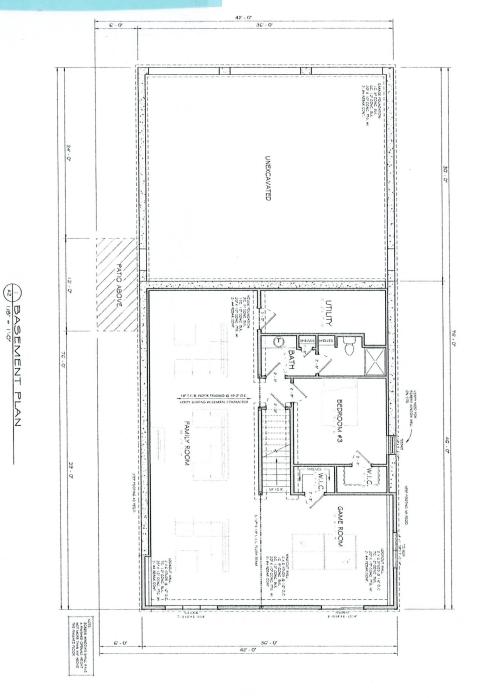
Petermeier Stormwater Recommendations

Josh Votruba – Todd SWCD

- Recommend directing roof runoff from new house by gutters and downspouts. This stormwater should be directed off to the sides to the more vegetated areas on property. See site sketch below. Sending the stormwater off to the vegetated areas will allow for more better stormwater infiltration while reducing shoreland erosion from water draining straight down to the lake.
- Another option would be to direct this water by connecting roof gutters and downspouts to an underground tile system with a rock outlet to avoid over ground flow and reduce the chance for erosion. This water should outlet in the wooded areas on property.
- During grading and leveling for the house, the ground can be sloped so that any stormwater drains more to the sides of the property where it is more vegetated.



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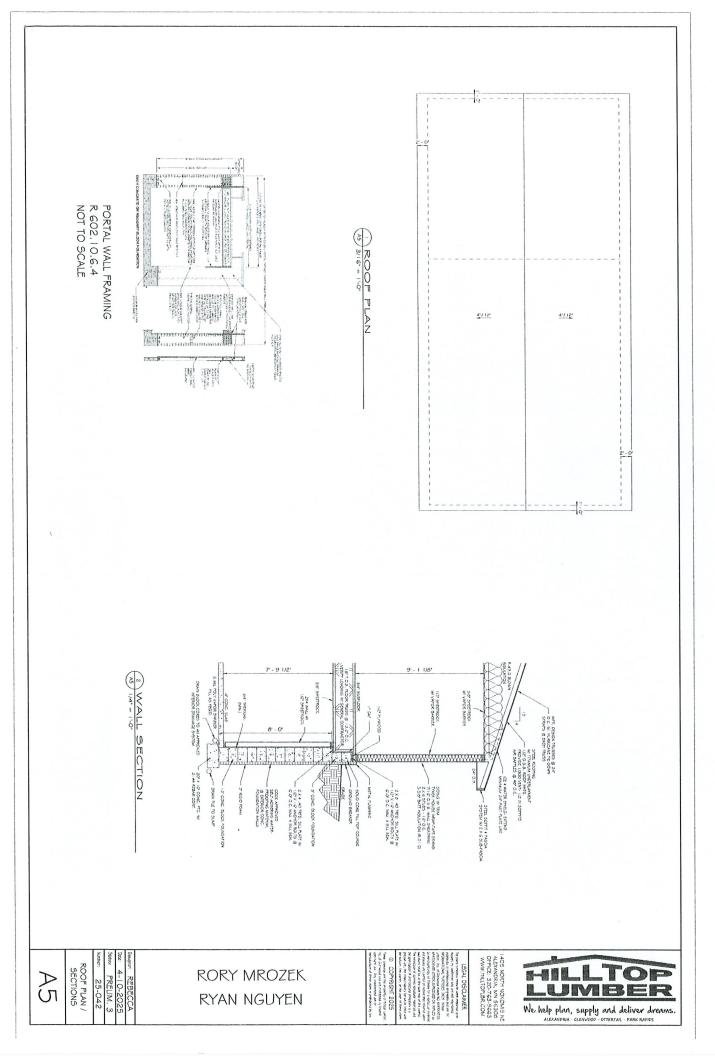
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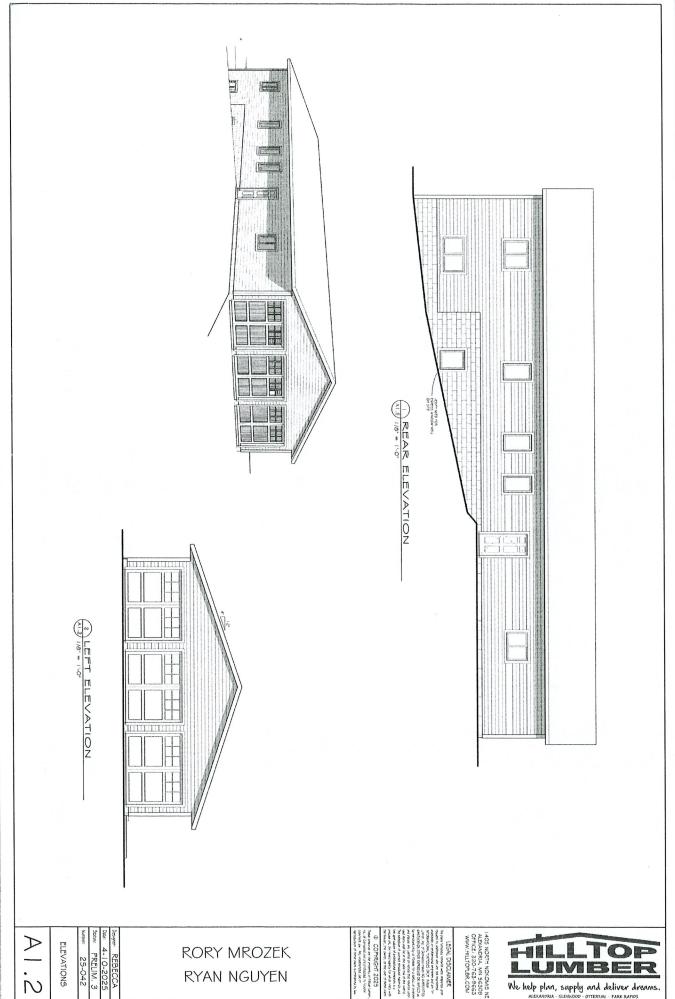
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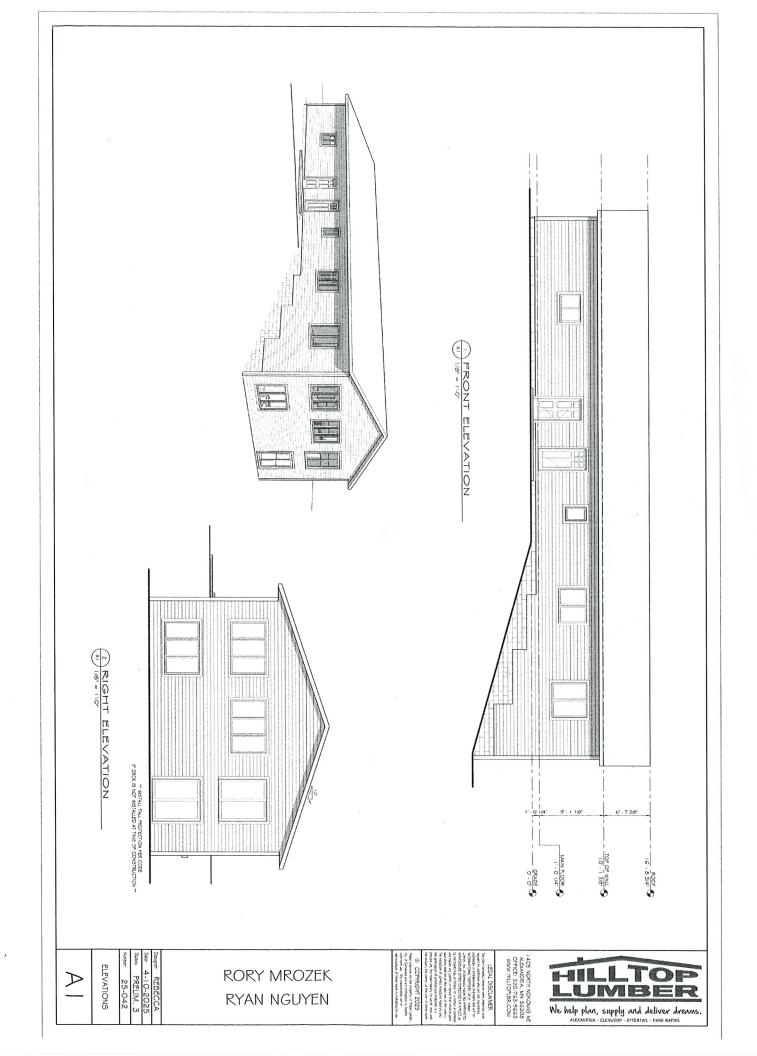




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Sue Bertrand

From: Adam Ossefoort

Sent: Monday, June 30, 2025 10:31 AM

To: Sue Bertrand

Subject: FW: Petermeier amended variance request

From:

Sent: Sunday, June 29, 2025 3:15 PM

To: Adam Ossefoort <Adam.Ossefoort@co.todd.mn.us>

Subject: Petermeier amended variance request

TODD COUNTY SECURITY NOTICE:

This email originated from an external sender. Please exercise caution before clicking on any links or attachments and consider whether you know the sender. For more information please contact MIS.

Adam,

Thank you for meeting with us on Friday, we appreciate your time spent helping us understand the variance process.

Please amend our variance request to read:

Request to reduce the lake set back from 100' to 65' for construction of dwelling replacement in Recreational Development Shoreland Zoning District instead of the 80' previously requested.

Let me know any questions or issues. Thanks!

Theresa & Tom Petermeier

