



## FOREST TOWNSHIP MEETING MINUTES


<p>Date and Time of Meeting: May 11 , 2021, 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Present: Tim Holzkamm, Barb Christiansen, Lynn Lindow; Supervisors, Donna Walizek; Treasurer, Carol Peterson; Clerk</p> <p>Absent:</p> <p>Visitors: Rolf Christiansen, Lisa and Bill Jackson, Steve Lindow, Len Thelen</p>		
Agenda Item	Discussion Points/Notes	Actions/Follow-up Needed
Pledge of Allegiance Visitor Sign in		
Consent agenda: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• April 13, 2021 Minutes</li> <li>• Treasurers Report</li> <li>• Approval of Claims List</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Motion by Tim to approve the Consent Agenda. Second by Lynn. Motion passed unanimously</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public Comment</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• none</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clerk's Report</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MAT newsletter items</li> <li>• Mailing that was held by PO. Regarding Andy Rodgers</li> </ul>	
Board Member Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Town Hall</li> <li>• Trash/Recycle</li> <li>• Roads</li> <li>• Planning Commission</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• nothing</li> <li>• Dump violations – A. Rodger's fine payment</li> <li>• Amnesty Day – 4 dumpsters reserved.</li> <li>• Check for additional pick on July 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup></li> <li>• Rolf will try and fix bent lids on dumpsters. Tim will assist.</li> <li>• Red Top Rd. resident request for DEAD END rd sign. Sunset Road will be included</li> <li>• Permit- Funfar – not started</li> <li>• Permit -Jay Smukowski- not started</li> <li>• Permit -Rutz- not started</li> <li>• Permit-Zarembinski; permit fee pd. for Pole Barn.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete. Remove from Agenda</li> <li>• Carol will call White Earth Sanitation</li> <li>• Barb will check on sign size requirements</li> </ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Weed Report</li> <li>• Website</li> </ul>	<p>Lynn inspected and meets requirements. Lynn approved. Permit Haney- nothing started. New builder Permit Altenburg- Lynn reviewed her last correspondence. No new information. Clerk received email requesting land use and map. Tim responded via Carol. Karl's options going forward are; submit new building permit application with different setback or apply for a variance. The paid permit fee would be applied to new permit or variance fee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Marsha Watland, Becker County, will hold a Weed Training at our Town Hall May 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am for areas Townships. New weed sprayer purchased.</li> <li>• nothing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Motion by Tim to deny Building Permit as it does not meet Zoning Ordinance setback requirements. Second by Lynn. Barb voted in favor of the the motion. Motion passed. Carol will send a certified letter to Karl.</li> </ul>
Old Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Road Tour – completed today. Barb will submit Minutes and send copy to Thelens' for summer road work. A light grading will be done to get ridge of loose gravel</li> </ul>	
New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Board of Adjustment – meeting will immediately follow adjournment.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>
Adjourn		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Motion by Tim to adjourn the meeting. Second by Barb. Motion passed unanimously</li> </ul>

  
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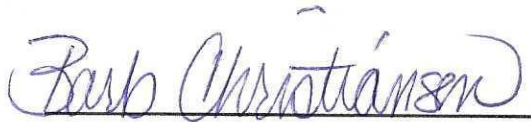
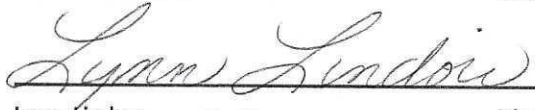

  
 Carol Peterson/Clerk \_\_\_\_\_ 6/8/21  
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Date Range : 5/1/2021 To 5/11/2021

<u>Date</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Claim #</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Account #</u>	<u>Account Name</u>
05/11/2021	Itasca Mantrap Co-op Elec. Assoc	electricity	2703	\$97.00	100-41940-381-	General Government Buildings and Plant
05/11/2021	Mark Tellefson Media, LLC	and Annual Hosting/Updates	2704	\$700.00	100-41001-309-	General Government
05/11/2021	Becker County Soil and Water	AIS inspections 2020 ( shared with BMLAA)	2705	\$2,500.00	100-46101-430-	Water Resources
05/11/2021	Lisa Marschall	Assesment - final payment 2020	2706	\$4,164.80	100-41950-300-	Assessing fee
05/11/2021	Thelen's Excavating	grading April 22nd 5 hrs	2707	\$475.00	201-43122-400-	Unpaved Streets
05/11/2021	White Earth Sanitation	collection 4/15	2708	\$640.08	100-43230-384-	Waste (Refuse) Collection
05/11/2021	Karen LaFond	cleaning April 10	2709	\$40.00	100-49001-100-	miscellaneous
05/11/2021	Minnesota Ass of Townships Insuranc	Liability Coverage 7/01/21-7/01/22	2710	\$1,011.00	100-41426-160-	Insurance
05/11/2021	Lynn Lindow	reimbursement for purchase of weed sprayer	2711	\$86.75	100-43101-240-	Highways, streets and roadways

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Total For Selected Claims				\$9,714.63		

	Barb Christiansen	Town Supervisor				<u>5/11/21</u> Date
	Lynn Lindow	Vice Chair, Town Supervisor				<u>5/11/21</u> Date
	tim Holzmann	Chair, Town Supervisor				<u>5/11/21</u> Date



**2021 Road Tour**  
May 11, 2020

Meeting began at 4:05 pm.

Present – Barb Christiansen, Tim Holzkamm, Lynn Lindow

**Basswood Lake Rd – no concerns**

**Basswood Rd – no concerns, spot gravel**

**Sunrise Lane – residents request some gravel in cul-de-sac, crown road, reclaim edges**

**East Bad Medicine Rd – Gravel needed in North end of road. Contractor states that he is hitting rocks. Spot gravel other areas.**

**Sunset Drive – May need some more gravel in the cul-de-sac, sides need to be pulled in in some areas, work on area by curve (pull in ditch and bank southside)**

**Dolly's Trail – no concerns**

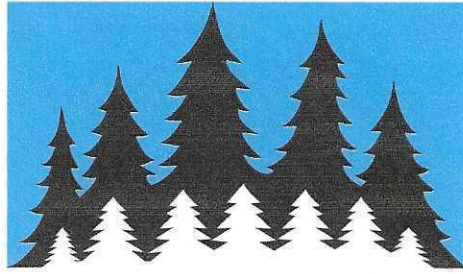
**Horseshoe Rd – Crown needed on whole road, reclaim edges, add gravel and reshape by ponds.**

**Black Bear Beach Rd – Crown needed and reclaim edges, spot gravel. Currently can only grade to the Y because of construction materials in the cul-de-sac.**

**Red Top Rd – no concerns. Culvert doesn't appear to be a problem.**

**Barb will get a list of the areas of concerns from Thelen's along with estimates of gravel and labor costs.**

Barb made motion to adjourn meeting and Tim second. All approved. Meeting adjourned at 5:37 pm



**Forest Township  
37121 Red Top Road,  
Ponsford, MN 56575**

**Board of Adjustment Meeting Minutes  
May 11, 2021  
7:15 PM**

**Members: Tim Holzkamm, Bill Jackson, Rolf Christiansen and Barb Christiansen**

**Public: Lynn and Steve Lindow, Lisa Jackson, Len Thelen**

**Call for nomination of Chairperson. Barb nominated Tim. Second by Rolf. As there were no other nominations, nomination was closed and Tim was elected.**

**Each member of the Board was provided a copy of Variance section that includes the points for consideration**

**Purpose: To consider a Variance Request submitted by Lynn and Steve Lindow to build a garage at 46709 Black Bear Beach Road. The request is to allow for a building site that is 89 feet from the road which would not meet the 100ft. road setback requirement in Forest Township Zoning Ordinance.**

**The Board of Adjustment members did a site inspection and property inspection prior to the meeting.**

**Lynn presented their points for consideration for allowing a variance on the site:**

- 1. The proposed site's driveway would be off current driveway**
- 2. The proposed site wouldn't obstruct any neighbors lake view**
- 3. The site is a flat area and would be less destructive to the landscape and trees. The 100 ft setback would require removal of substantial dirt from a hillside.**
- 4. There is a power cable that runs through the property that would be in the area of the 100 ft. setback**
- 5. 3 neighboring garages are built much closer to the road.**

**Alternate site discussion**

- 1. Site alongside current garage – that would require digging into a hillside and removal of very established trees. Driveway into garage would be difficult to manage.**
- 2. Site along storage building built in low area – this site floods with rain and snow melt. Would require a large amount of fill.**

**Discussion:**

**Tim:** That the over arching purpose of Township zoning is to protect the conservation district's environment and prevent as much disruption as possible to the landscape.

That one of variance considerations is to allow a property owner the same consideration of land usage as other property owners and 3 neighbors have garages closer to the road then Lindows' proposal.

**Rolf :** Questioned whether the stated hardship raises to the degree that would allow for a variance. That the Setback intent is to keep buildings away from the road to preserve the the forested look of the area. That the area cleared for the garage at the required setback would recover overtime and would have no impact on the lake. That fill could be brought in for the site by the storage shed. The 3 closer garages were not permitted and a current decision can not be made based on past illegal practice.

**Bill:** As no one has ever questioned the legality of the other garages and no action has been taken with the property owners it should be included in the consideration of variance.

**Barb:** Has concerns about the precedence that could be set by ignoring the ordinance.

Tim called for any additional concerns, hearing none call for a roll call vote granting the variance with the following conditions: to plant a reasonable screen of trees.

Tim – Yes


Rolf – No

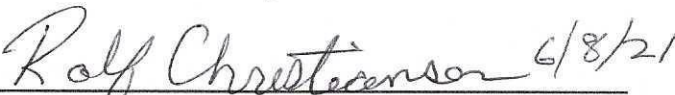
Bill – Yes

Barb – Yes

A motion was made by Tim to adjourn the meeting. Rolf second the motion and the motion passed Unanimously

  
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