

**GRANT COUNTY**  
**CONSERVATION, SANITATION AND ZONING DEPT**  
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Grant County Zoning Board of Adjustment Meeting  
November 20, 2014  
8:00 am  
CSZD Conference Room  
Lancaster, WI.

The meeting was called to order by John Brandemuehl, Chairman at 8:09 am. Board members present in addition to the Chairman were Peg Walsh, and Jim Steiger. Others present were Lynda Schweikert, Jeff Krueger, Robert Keeney, County Board Chair, Eric & Linda Van Natta.

**Certification of Open Meeting Law:**

Janet sent the agenda to Karla Schwantes to post at the Administration Bldg as well as the County Courthouse and was sent to the Herald Independent for two weeks. Motion by Peg, seconded by Jim to confirm the certification of the open meeting law. Motion carried

**Approval of Minutes:**

Peg motioned and Jim seconded to approve the September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014, BOA minutes. Motion carried

**Public Hearing:**

John opened the public hearing for Eric & Linda Van Natta. Linda presented documentation relating to the installation of the septic system and the subsequent land purchase to provide the necessary space for the septic system. She also explained the process they went through to get a joint agreement on the septic system because the property line went through the septic system. She pointed out that the zoning/sanitation office knew of the line at that time and wanted to know why it wasn't addressed then as opposed to now. Linda submitted into record the initial survey before the lots were split as well as a letter from Mound City Bank stating that they required the lot be split.

There was much discussion on the permitting of the garage. Van Natta's stated that they were told by the township that they did not need a permit to build the garage + or - 10 years ago. If they moved the garage the lot line could be drawn in according to the zoning ordinance.

Lynda Schweikert read through the criteria they were limited to, to make their decision. The BOA deliberated a long time on each of the criteria.

The Ellenboro Town board voted in favor of this Variance on 2/5/14.

There was no one in opposition to this Variance

John closed the public hearing

Peg motioned and Jim seconded to approve the setback variance based on the following criteria:

1. Hardship is met, based on the fact that they tried to do the right thing all along and was given erroneous information. These errors have compounded throughout the years. And that this limited the future salability of the property.
2. The BOA could not come up with unique property limitations. They stated that the limitations were the information they were provided in the past
3. There were no public safety issues

Motion carried

John welcomed Jim Steiger onto the Board of Adjustments.

Peg motion and John seconded to adjourn the meeting, motion carried.

Submitted by Lynda Schweikert