AGENDA

ELKHART COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS HEARING OFFICER

DECEMBER 17, 2025 9:00 A.M.

PUBLIC SERVICES BUILDING MEETING ROOMS A & B 4230 ELKHART ROAD, GOSHEN, INDIANA

Call to Order

Elkhart County Development Ordinance and Staff Report materials are to be entered as evidence for today's hearings.

DEVI	ELOPMENTA	AL VARIANCES 9:00 A.M.
A.	Petitioner:	Harry L. Smith & Ricky Ledda & Crocin Ledda, (Page 1)
		Husband & Wife
	Petition:	for a 22 sq. ft. Developmental Variance (Ordinance allows 8 sq. ft.) to allow
		for the placement of a 30 sq. ft. free standing sign on lots 222 & 8 and for a 2
		ft. Developmental Variance (Ordinance allows 4 ft.) to allow for the placement
		of a free-standing sign 6 ft. in height on lots 222 & 8.
	Location:	Northwest corner & Northeast corner of Pheasant Ridge Dr. & CR 8, common
		address of 53975 Pheasant Ridge Dr. & 53598 Pheasant Ridge Dr. in
		Washington Township, zoned A-1. DV-0671-2025
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B.	Petitioner:	Sunshine Enterprises, LLC (Page 2)
	Petition:	for a 12 ft. Developmental Variance (Ordinance requires 120 ft.) to allow for
		the construction of a covered porch 108 ft. from the centerline of the right-of-
	.	way.
	Location:	West side of SR 19, 285 ft. North of Roseland Rd., common address of 51425
		SR 19 in Osolo Township, zoned B-2, B-3. DV-0685-2025
C.	Petitioner:	Isaiah Jacobs (Buyer) & Shane L. Mullet & Robin (Page 3)
C.	i cuttoner.	S. Mullet, Husband & Wife (Sellers)
	Petition:	for a 17 ft. Developmental Variance (Ordinance requires 50 ft.) to allow for
	i ennon.	an existing residence and covered porch addition 33 ft. from the centerline of
		the right-of-way of S. Walnut St. and for a 3 ft. Developmental Variance
		the fight-of-way of 3. Wallut St. and for a 3 ft. Developmental variance

of 106 S. Walnut St. in Olive Township, zoned R-1.

South side property line.

Location:

(Ordinance requires 10 ft.) to allow for an existing residence 7 ft. from the

East side of S. Walnut St., 200 ft. North of E. Harrison St., common address

DV-0704-2025

D. Petitioner: Calvin A. Hochstetler & Linda Hochstetler, (Page 4)

Husband & Wife

Petition: for a 7 ft. Developmental Variance (Ordinance requires 50 ft.) to allow for an

addition of an attached accessory structure 43 ft. from the centerline of the right-of-way of Oak Hills Dr. and for a 13 ft. Developmental Variance (Ordinance requires 50 ft.) to allow for an existing accessory structure 37 ft.

from the centerline of the right-of -way of Oak Hills Dr.

Location: Northwest corner of SR 120 & Oak Hills Dr., common address of 11715 SR

120 in York Township, zoned A-1. DV-0713-2025

E. Petitioner: John Buwalda & Rose R. Fetzer Revocable Trust (Page 5)

Petition: for a Developmental Variance to allow for the total square footage of

accessory structures to exceed that allowed by right.

Location: West side of Echo Ln., 930 ft. South of CR 8, common address of 54175 Echo

Ln. in Washington Township, zoned R-1. DV-0728-2025

F. Petitioner: Jack Vergonet & Gina R. Vergonet, Husband & Wife (Page 6)

Petition: for a 20 ft. Developmental Variance (Ordinance requires 50 ft.) to allow for

the construction of a residence 30 ft. from the centerline of the right-of-way of North Shore Dr., for a 33 ft. Developmental Variance (Ordinance requires 50 ft.) to allow for the construction of a residence 17 ft. from the centerline of the right-of-way of East Ct., and for a 2 ft. Developmental Variance (Ordinance requires 5 ft.) to allow for the construction of a residence 3 ft. from the west

side property line.

Location: South side of North Shore Dr., 2,555 ft. East of SR 19, common address of

25992 North Shore Drive in Osolo Township, zoned R-2. DV-0729-2025

Ann Prough – Appointed by Plan Commission: term 1/1/25 - 12/31/25

Hearing Officer Staff Report

Prepared by the **Department of Planning and Development**

Hearing Date: December 17, 2025

Transaction Number: DV-0671-2025.

Parcel Number(s): 20-03-30-451-012.000-030 & 20-03-30-453-002.000-030.

Existing Zoning: A-1.

Petition: For a 22 sq. ft. Developmental Variance (Ordinance allows 8 sq. ft.) to allow for the placement of a 30 sq. ft. free-standing sign on lots 222 & 8 and for a 2 ft. Developmental Variance (Ordinance allows 4 ft.) to allow for the placement of a free-standing sign 6 ft. in height on lots 222 & 8.

Petitioner: Harry L. Smith & Ricky Ledda & Crocin Ledda, Husband & Wife.

Location: Northwest corner & northeast corner of Pheasant Ridge Dr. & CR 8, in Washington Township.

Site Description:

- ➤ Physical Improvement(s) Residences.
- ➤ Proposed Improvement(s) Free-standing signs.
- ➤ Existing Land Use Residential.
- ➤ Surrounding Land Use Residential and Agricultural.

History and General Notes:

None.

Staff Analysis:

Staff finds that:

- 1. Approval of the requests will not be injurious to public health, safety, morals, or general welfare. The proposed signs are intended to replace the existing signs that have been in place without complaints of sight distance interference.
- 2. Approval of the requests will not cause substantial adverse effect on neighboring property. The proposed sign heights and square footage will not cause safety concerns as the signs will be set behind an existing tree line.
- 3. Strict application of the terms of the Development Ordinance would result in an unnecessary hardship in the use of the property. Without the benefit of the variances, the signs wouldn't be allowed to be upgraded.

Hearing Officer Staff Report (Continued)

Hearing Date: December 17, 2025

Staff recommends **APPROVAL** with the following condition(s) imposed:

- 1. Variances from the developmental standards of the Development Ordinance are void unless an Improvement Location Permit is issued within 180 calendar days from the date of the grant and construction work completed within 1 year from the date of the issuance of the building permit (where required).
- 2. The request is approved in accordance with the site plan submitted (dated 10/17/2025) and as represented in the Developmental Variance application.

DV-0671-2025

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Developmental Variance - Developmental Variance

Date: 10/15/2025 Mee	oting Dote:	oer 17, 2025 Appeals Public Hearing Trans	action #: DV-0671-2025				
Description: for a 22 sq. ft. Developmental Variance (Ordinance allow 8 sq. ft.) to allow for the placement of a 30 sq. ft. free-standing sign on lots 222 & 8 and for a 2 ft. Developmental Variance (Ordinance allows 4 ft.) to allow for the placement of a free-standing sign 6 ft. in height on lots 222 & 8.							
Contacts: Applicant Signtech Sign Services Inc Po Box 835 Goshen, IN 46527	Authorized Agent Signtech Sign Services Inc Po Box 835 Goshen, IN 46527	Land Owner Ricky Ledda & Crocin Ledda, Husband & Wife 53958 Pheasant Ridge Dr. Bristol, IN 46507	Land Owner Harry L. Smith 53975 Pheasant Ridge Dr. Bristol, IN 46507				
Site Address: 53975 Pheasant Ridge I Bristol, IN 46507	Dr	Parcel Number:	20-03-30-451-012.000-030 20-03-30-453-002.000-030				
Township: Washington Location: Northwest Corner Of Pheasant Ridge Drive And County Road 8							
Subdivision: PHEASANT RIDGE 3RI	D	Lot # 222 AND 8					
Lot Area:	Frontage:		Depth:				
Zoning: A-1		NPO List:					
Present Use of Property: RESIDENTIAL							
Legal Description:							
Comments:							
Applicant Signature:		Department Signature:					

December 17, 2025

Developmental Variance — Questionnaire 53958 Pheasant Ridge Dr. Name: 53975 Pheasant Kidge Dr. & 1) Tell us what you want to do. Remove existing monument signs & install new 9'w x 3.34 (30.06 spft) Illuminated Free Standing Signo W Stone Pillars (O.A.H. 6ft) Wa 5' Setback from 2) Tell us why you can't change what you're doing so you don't need a variance. Pheasant would like to remove larger outdated Monumen ctures = install modern illuminated tree standing digno 3) Tell us why the variance won't hurt your neighbors or the community. New Signo will be quality made & installed & illumination 4) Does the property need well and septic? Well: \(\subseteq \text{Y} \subseteq \text{N} Septic: ☐ Y ☐ N Does the property need a new septic system?

Y

N If a new septic system is needed, did the Health Department say there's enough space for it? $\ \square\ Y\ \square\ N$ 5) Does the application include variances to allow for buildings or additions?

N

N

If yes, fill out below. **Building or addition 1** Size and height to the peak: Tell us what you'll use it for. **Building or addition 2** Size and height to the peak: Tell us what you'll use it for. **Building or addition 3** Size and height to the peak: Tell us what you'll use it for. 6) Does the application include a variance for a residence on property with no road frontage?

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Y X N If yes, tell us how many total there will be. Tell us anything else you want us to know.



RE: Pheasant Ridge Parcel 03-30-451-012-030 (West parcel) owners

Parcel 03-30-453-002-030 (East parcel) owners

To whom it may concern,

Pheasant Ridge HOA has hired Signtech to demolish existing masonry signage and replace with new entry signs at our County Road 8 / Pheasant Ridge Drive entrance. The new signs will be placed in the same location as the existing signage and will be on the above listed parcels.

Please consider Signtech as our proxy in the process of permitting.

Thank you,

Angie Recchio President Dave Holdread VP/ Architectural Control Michael Markley Treasurer

Miguel Montiel At-Large Julie Dilorenzo Secretary







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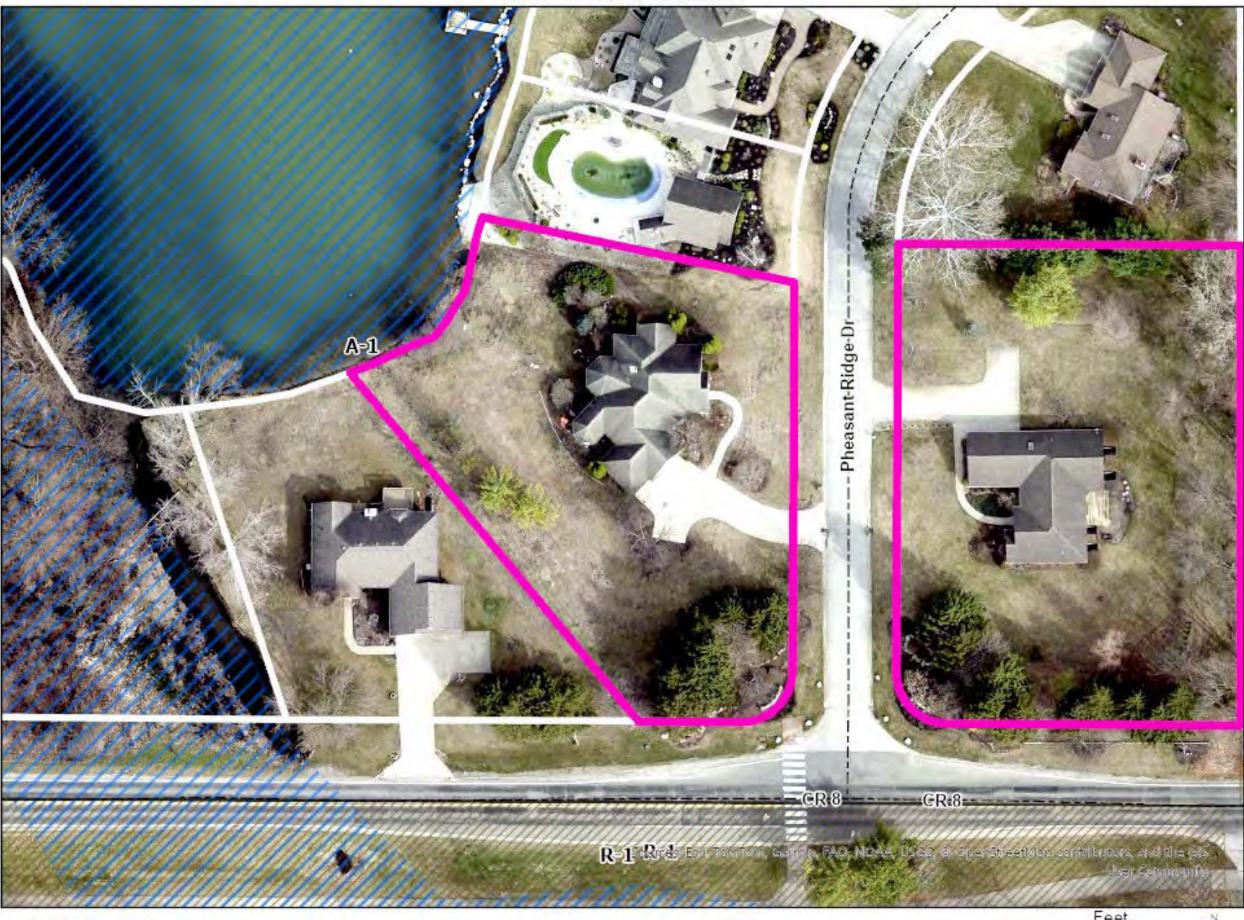
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Closest Address: 53975 Phreasant Ridge Dr.

Bristol



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2025 Aerials

1 inch equals 120 ft



2025 Aerials

1 inch equals 200 ft

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Subject property, northwest corner



Subject property, southeast corner



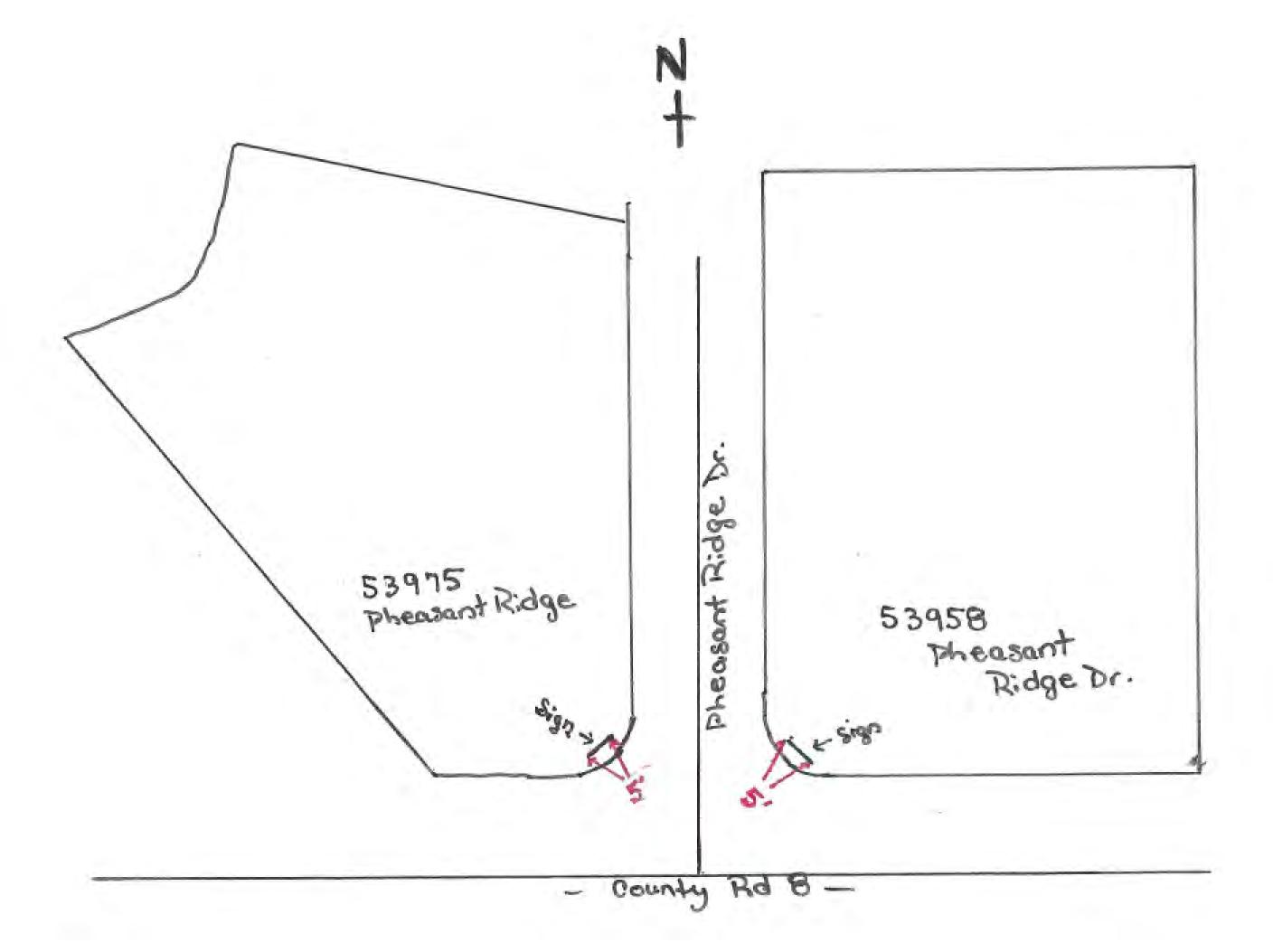
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Hearing Officer Staff Report

Prepared by the **Department of Planning and Development**

Hearing Date: December 17, 2025

Transaction Number: DV-0685-2025.

Parcel Number(s): 20-02-17-251-004.000-026.

Existing Zoning: B-2, B-3.

Petition: For a 12 ft. Developmental Variance (Ordinance requires 120 ft.) to allow for the construction of a covered porch 108 ft. from the centerline of the right-of-way.

Petitioner: Sunshine Enterprises, LLC.

Location: West side of SR 19, 285 ft. north of Roseland Rd., in Osolo Township.

Site Description:

➤ Physical Improvement(s) – Restaurant.

- ➤ Proposed Improvement(s) Building addition & front porch.
- Existing Land Use Commercial.
- ➤ Surrounding Land Use Commercial.

History and General Notes:

➤ The property has split zoning B-2 & B-3. The B-2 is the original zoning, and the B-3 zoning was approved by the BOCC on October 6, 1986 (PC-1986-33).

Staff Analysis:

Staff finds that:

- 1. Approval of the request will not be injurious to public health, safety, morals, or general welfare. The existing restaurant had a metal awning along the front of the building that had been removed for building remodeling and was stolen; but later recovered. The proposed porch will not hinder sight distance.
- 2. Approval of the request will not cause substantial adverse effect on neighboring property. The subject property is a 0.9-acre parcel in dense commercial area along SR 19 and will remain commercial in character.
- 3. Strict application of the terms of the Development Ordinance would result in an unnecessary hardship in the use of the property. Due to the location and layout of the building on the property, the developmental variance is needed.

Hearing Officer Staff Report (Continued)

Hearing Date: December 17, 2025

Staff recommends **APPROVAL** with the following condition(s) imposed:

- 1. A variance from the developmental standards of the Development Ordinance is void unless an Improvement Location Permit is issued within 180 calendar days from the date of the grant and construction work completed within 1 year from the date of the issuance of the building permit (where required).
- 2. The request is approved in accordance with the site plan submitted (dated 10/24/2025) and as represented in the Developmental Variance application.

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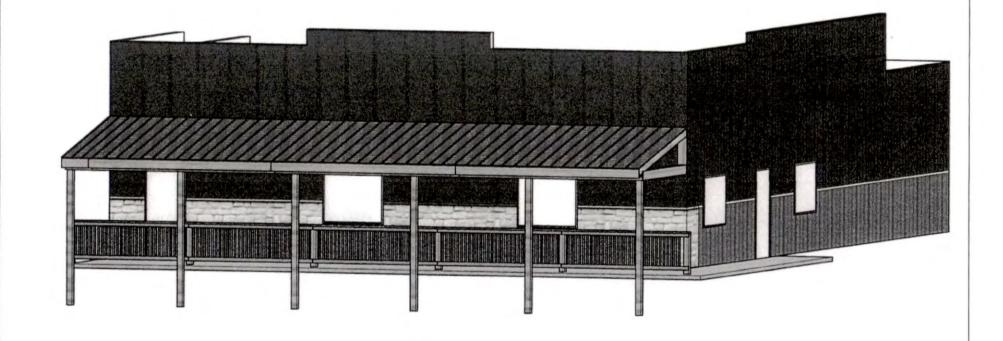
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Developmental Variance - Developmental Variance

December 17, 2025 10/24/2025 DV-0685-2025 Date: Meeting Date: Transaction #: Board of Zoning Appeals Public Hearing Description: for 12 ft. Developmental Variance (Ordinance requires 120 ft.) to allow for the construction of a covered porch 108 ft. from the centerline of the right-of-way of SR 19 Contacts: Applicant **Authorized Agent** Land Owner Starr J Construction Starr J Construction Sunshine Enterprise Llc 14824 Cr 108 14824 Cr 108 51426 Forest Rd Middlebury, IN 46540 Middlebury, IN 46540 Elkhart, IN 46514 20-02-17-251-004.000-026 Site Address: 51425 State Road 19 Parcel Number: Elkhart, IN 46514 Osolo Township: Location: West side of SR 19, 285 ft. North of Roseland Rd. MY DAD'S PLACE MINOR Subdivision: Lot# 0.90 160.00 250.00 Lot Area: Frontage: Depth: B-2, B-3 NPO List: Zoning: RESTAURANT Present Use of Property: Legal Description: Comments: SEE PERMIT BC-2075-2025 Parcel Creation Date: 12/13/2010 Applicant Signature: Department Signature:

Developmental Variance — Questionnaire

)	Tell us what you want to do. <u>add on forch roof</u>					
)	Tell us why you can't change what you're doing so you don't need a variance. <u>needs</u> to cover entirity of front of building to cover entrance t puts to Patio					
()	Tell us why the variance won't hurt your neighbors or the community. improves aesthetics, does not intrude on neighboring properties					
1)	Does the property need well and septic? Well: \nearrow Y N Septic: \square Y \nearrow N Does the property need a <u>new</u> septic system? \square Y \nearrow N If a new septic system is needed, did the Health Department say there's enough space for it? \square Y \square N					
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5)	Does the application include a variance for a residence on property with no road frontage?					
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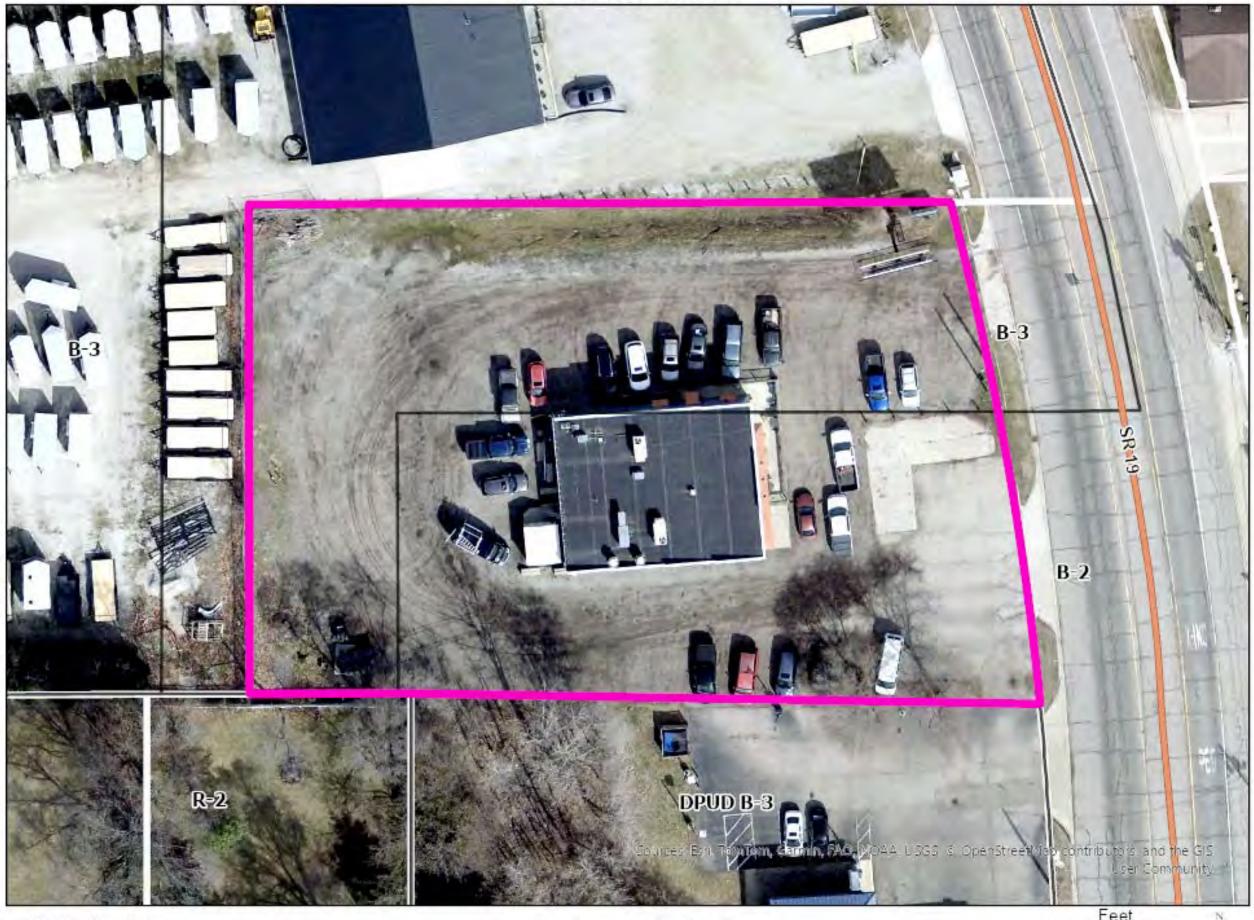
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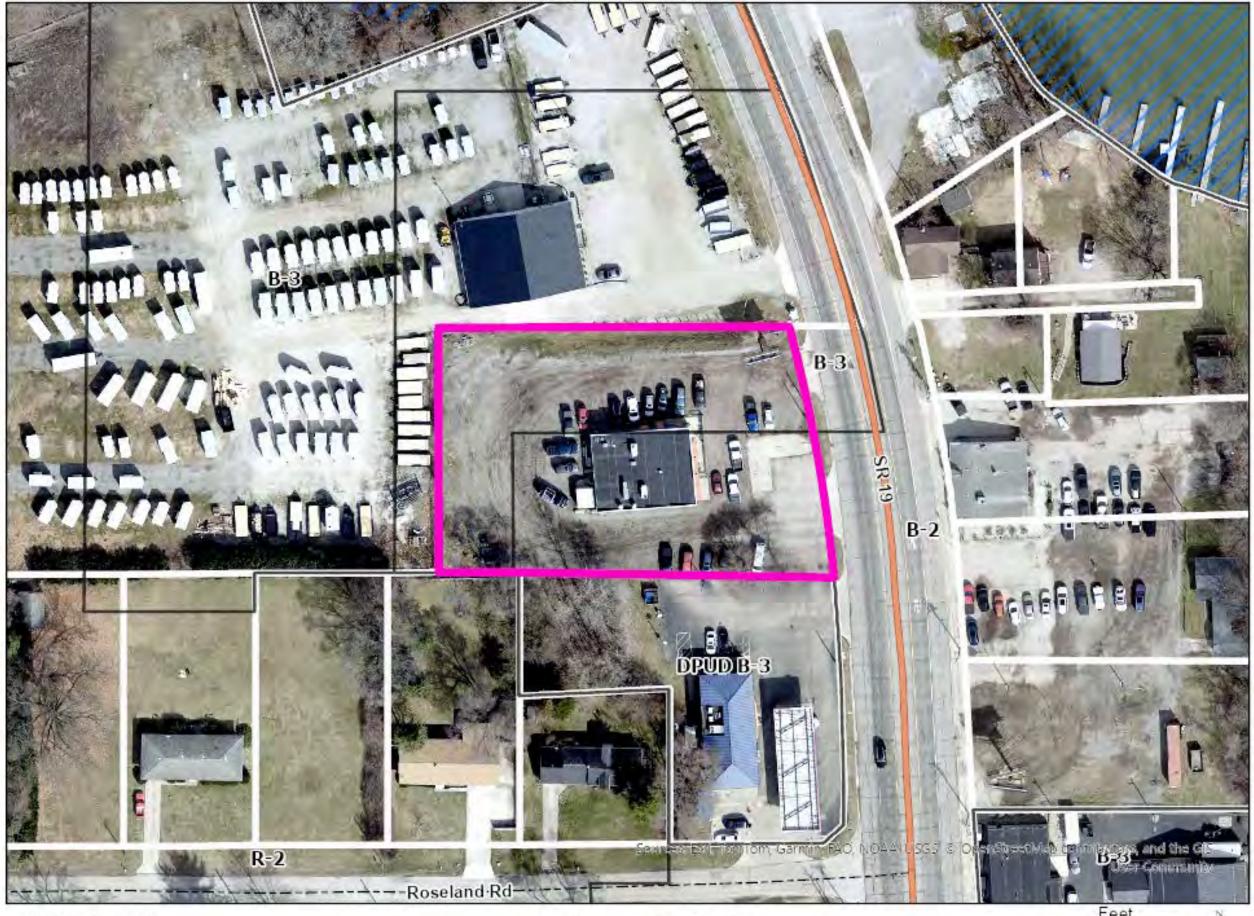
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John Slabach 574-849-4816



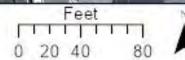
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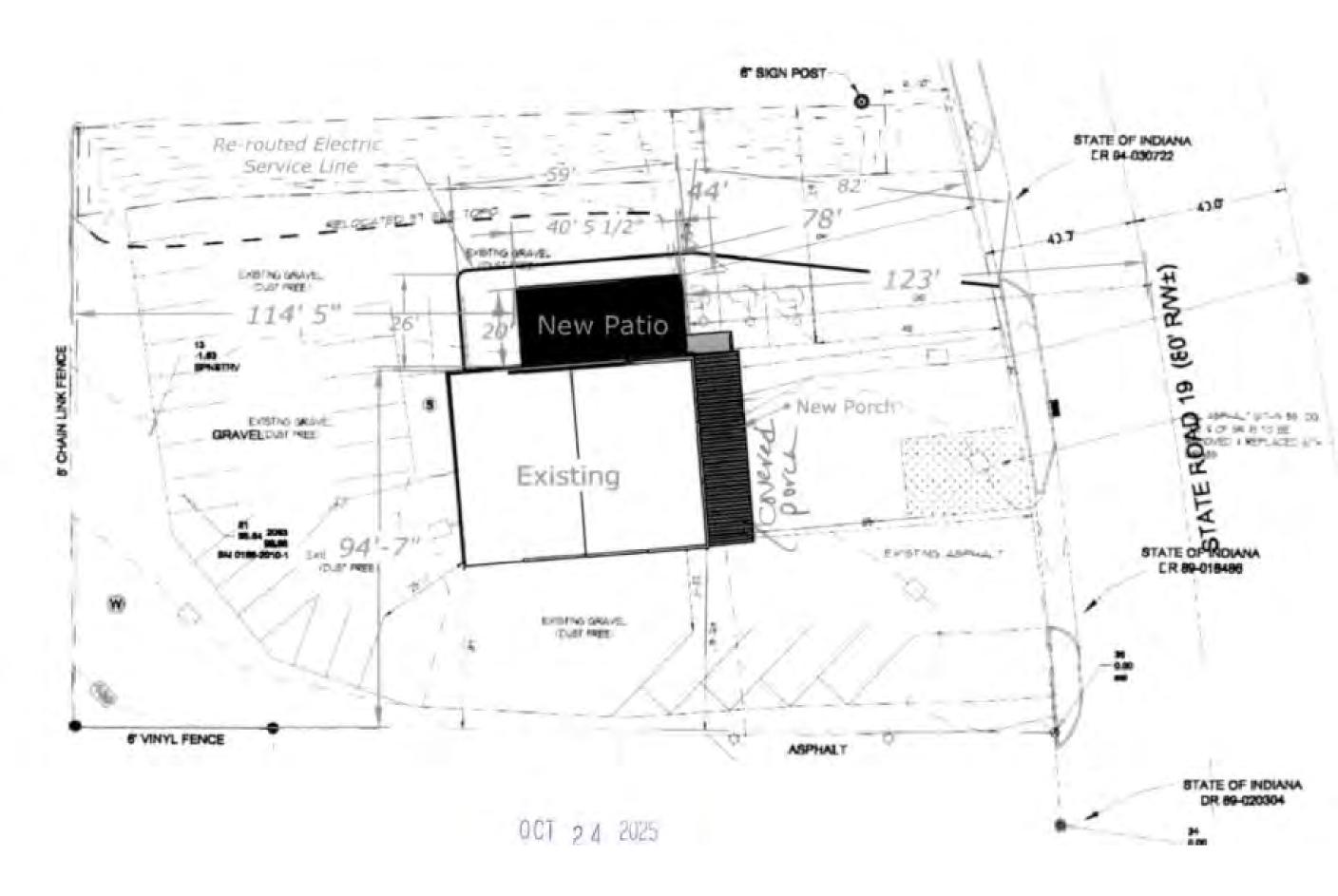
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Hearing Officer Staff Report

Prepared by the **Department of Planning and Development**

Hearing Date: December 17, 2025

Transaction Number: DV-0704-2025.

Parcel Number(s): 20-09-36-102-008.000-025.

Existing Zoning: R-1.

Petition: For a 17 ft. Developmental Variance (Ordinance requires 50 ft.) to allow for an existing residence and covered porch addition 33 ft. from the centerline of the right-of-way of S. Walnut St. and for a 3 ft. Developmental Variance (Ordinance requires 10 ft.) to allow for an existing residence 7 ft. from the south side property line.

Petitioner: Isaiah Jacobs (Buyer) & Shane L. Mullet & Robin S. Mullet, Husband & Wife (Sellers).

Location: East side of S. Walnut St., 200 ft. north of E. Harrison St., in Olive Township.

Site Description:

- ➤ Physical Improvement(s) Residence, sheds.
- > Proposed Improvement(s) Front porch addition.
- ➤ Existing Land Use Residential.
- ➤ Surrounding Land Use Mixed.

History and General Notes:

The town has given its written support to the addition, which will project 2 ft. into the right-of-way.

Staff Analysis:

Staff finds that:

- 1. Approval of the request will not be injurious to public health, safety, morals, or general welfare. The addition will not interfere with sight distance on S. Walnut St.
- 2. Approval of the request will not cause substantial adverse effect on neighboring property. This is a 0.22-acre parcel in a mixed-use area of Wakarusa, and the parcel will remain residential in character.
- 3. Strict application of the terms of the Development Ordinance would result in an unnecessary hardship in the use of the property. Front setback encroachments are common in dense, mixed-use town neighborhoods.

Hearing Officer Staff Report (Continued)

Hearing Date: December 17, 2025

Staff recommends **APPROVAL** with the following condition(s) imposed:

- 1. Variances from the developmental standards of the Development Ordinance are void unless an Improvement Location Permit is issued within 180 calendar days from the date of the grant and construction work completed within 1 year from the date of the issuance of the building permit (where required).
- 2. The request is approved in accordance with the site plan submitted (dated 11/5/2025) and as represented in the Developmental Variance application.

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Developmental Variance - Developmental Variance

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Developmental Variance — Questionnaire Name: 106 South WALVOT ST. 1) Tell us what you want to do. And A COURS PORCH TO THE WEST, OR FRONT SIDE, OF THE EXPORTING HOME 2) Tell us why you can't change what you're doing so you don't need a variance. THE FRONT OF THE HOUSE ALREADY ENCROPERS THO THES LINE, AND THE PORCH WILL & FUCROACH MORE. THE LEIGHBORHOD 3) Tell us why the variance won't hurt your neighbors or the community. IS IN THE TOWN OF WAKARUSA WHERE FROM ARE COMMON. SITE LIKES WILL NOT BE AFFECTED. 4) Does the property need well and septic? Well: ☐ Y ➤ N Septic: □ Y N Does the property need a <u>new</u> septic system? ☐ Y M N If a new septic system is needed, did the Health Department say there's enough space for it? 5) Does the application include variances to allow for buildings or additions? Y \(\subseteq N \) If yes, fill out below. Size and height to the peak: ESTIMATED 15-0" PEAK **Building or addition 1** Tell us what you'll use it for. AND 25/-8" X 12/-8" FOOTPRINT Building or addition 2 Size and height to the peak: Tell us what you'll use it for. Building or addition 3 Size and height to the peak: Tell us what you'll use it for. 6) Does the application include a variance for a residence on property with no road frontage?

Y

N If yes, fill out below. Is the easement existing? \(\subseteq \text{ Y } \subseteq \text{ N } \) If the easement is existing, is it recorded? \(\subseteq \text{ Y } \subseteq \text{ N } \) Tell us who owns (will own) the land under the easement. Tell us how many parcels will use the easement. ☐ Y N If yes, fill out below. 7) Does the application include variances for signs? Sign 1 Dimensions (length and width): Double faced? DY DN \square Y \square N Electronic message board? If no, lighted? DYDN Wall mounted? DYDN Sign 2 Dimensions (length and width): Existing? \square Y \square N Double faced? DYDN Electronic message board? □ Y □ N If no, lighted? DYDN Wall mounted? \square Y \square N Sign 3 Dimensions (length and width): Double faced? DYDN Electronic message board? $\square Y \square N$ If no, lighted? \square Y \square N Wall mounted? □ Y □ N 8) Does the application include a variance for parking spaces?

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N If yes, tell us how many total there will be. 9) Tell us anything else you want us to know. THE EXISTING HOME IS ACREACY THE FRONT SEPBACK. CAN WE J

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Michael Bessinger

From: Rob Slagle <rob@townofwakarusa.com>

Sent: Friday, October 31, 2025 9:30 AM

To: Michael Bessinger

Subject: RE: 106 South Walnut Street Site plan

Good morning, Michael.

After reviewing your drawing and suggested setbacks, we see no problem with your moving forward as planned.

Sorry for the delay in getting back to you.

Have a great day!

Rob Slagle Wakarusa Town Manager

100 W. Waterford Street Wakarusa, IN 46573

Email: rob@townofwakarusa.com

Office: 574-862-0067 Fax: 574-862-2245

From: Michael Bessinger < michael@dyksenandsons.com>

Sent: Thursday, October 30, 2025 1:34 PM

To: rob@townofwakarusa.com

Subject: RE: 106 South Walnut Street Site plan

Good afternoon,

I am checking in on the progress for the property and the right of way issues with the potential addition. Can you update me on when you get a chance?

Michael Bessinger

Pre-construction Coordinator

28621 County Road 30 Elkhart, IN 46517 Office: 574.214.9466

Cell: 574.226.2162 dyksenandsons.com









From: Michael Bessinger

Sent: Thursday, October 16, 2025 9:53 AM

To: 'rob@townofwakarusa.com' <rob@townofwakarusa.com>

Subject: 106 South Walnut Street Site plan

Please see the attached.

Michael Bessinger

Pre-construction Coordinator

28621 County Road 30 Elkhart, IN 46517 Office: 574.214.9466

Cell: 574.226.2162 dyksenandsons.com









Michael Bessinger

From: Isaiah Jacobs <idjacobs15@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 12, 2025 4:39 PM

To: Michael Bessinger **Subject:** Fwd: variance letter

----- Forwarded message ------

From: Shane Mullett <slmullett@gmail.com>

Date: Sat, Oct 11, 2025, 8:31 PM

Subject: variance letter

To: Isaiah's Ipod <idjacobs15@gmail.com>

To whom it may concern,

This letter is to relay that Isaiah Jacobs is in the process of purchasing 106 Walnut Street, Wakaruas on land contract and is the current resident of the property. Robin Mullett and Shane Mullett hold the current title holder for the property. We approve of the variance for front porch that is being applied for.

If there are any questions regarding this matter please call Shane at: 574-238-8824

In Christ, Shane Mullett

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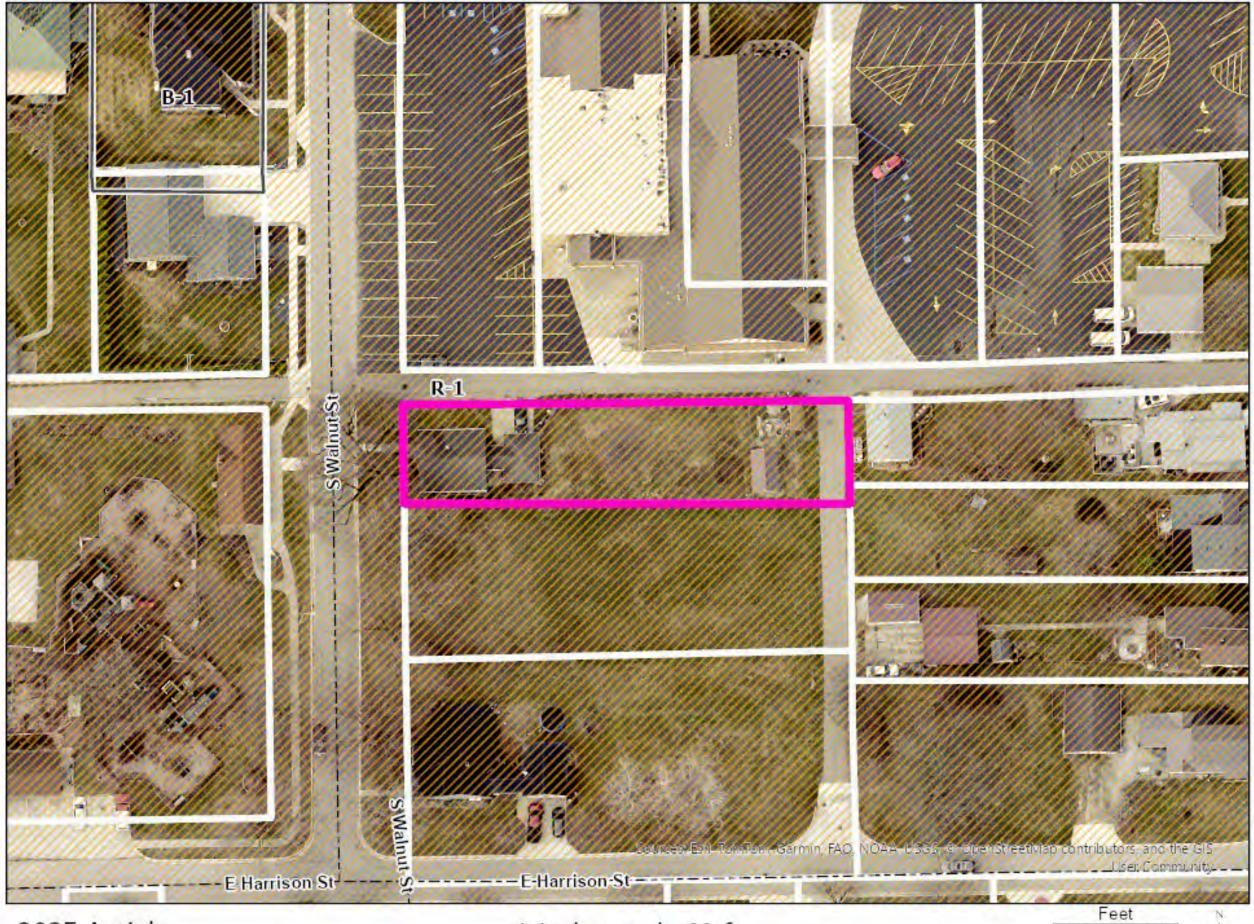


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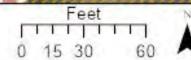
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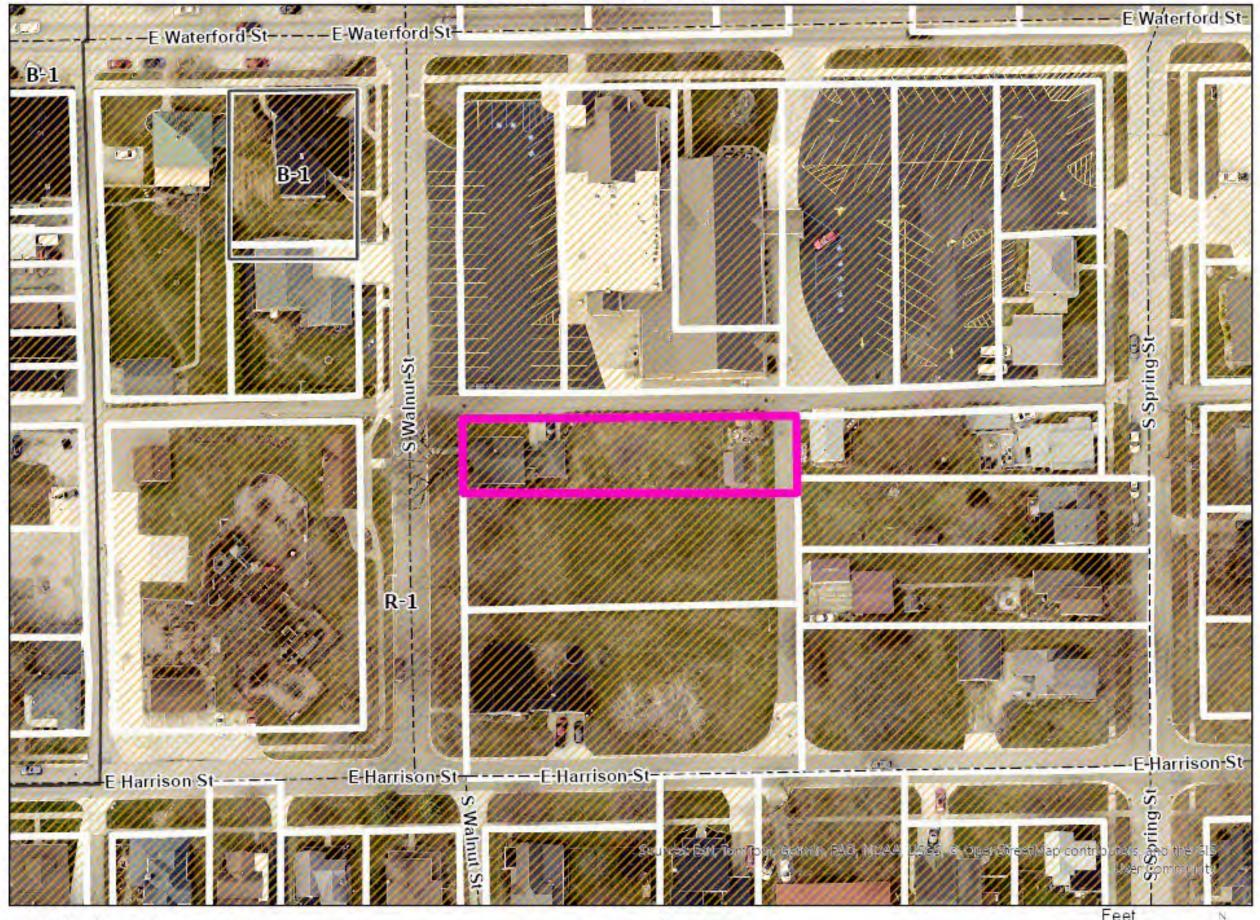


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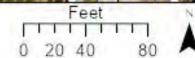


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Subject property



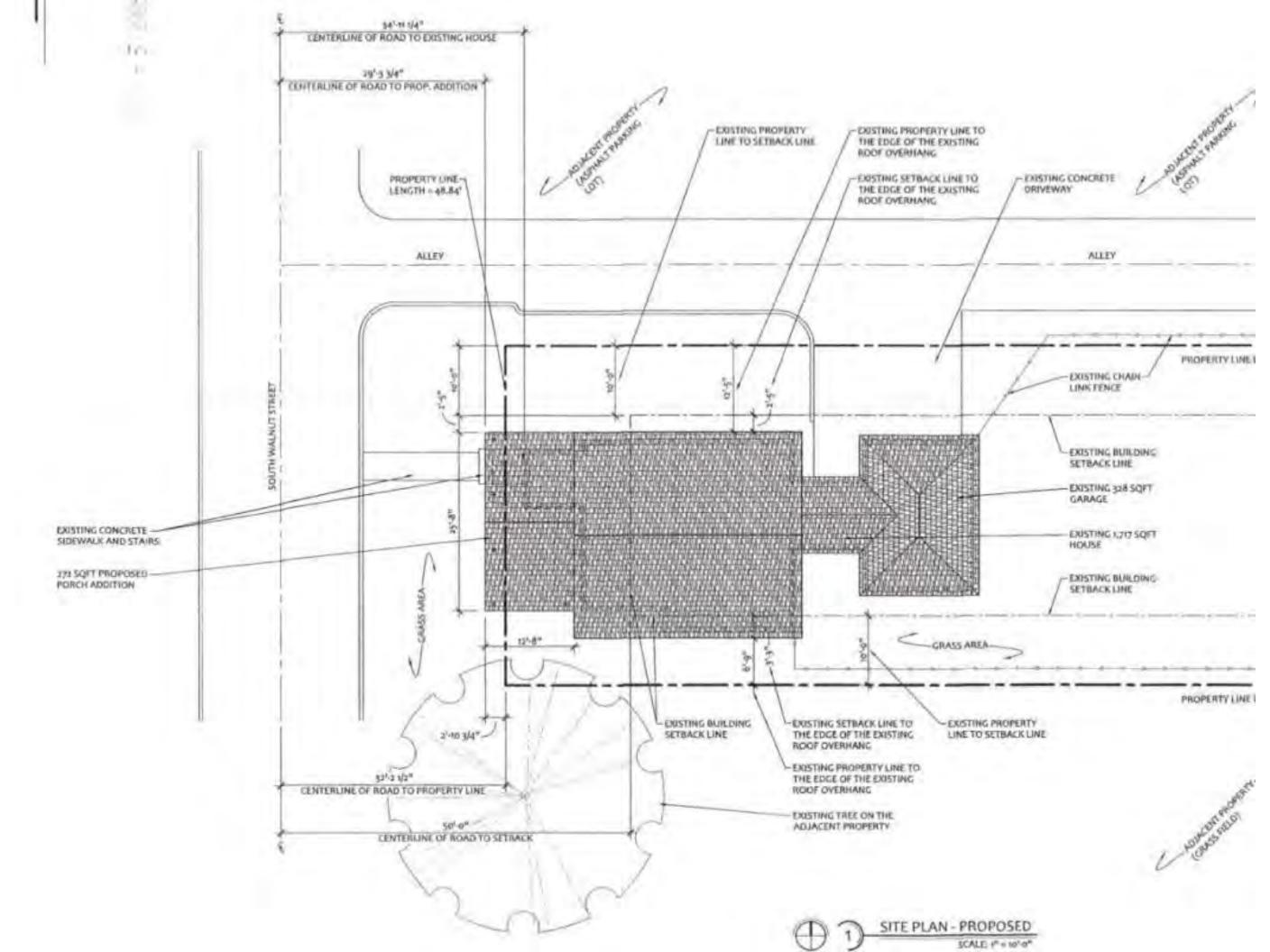
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Hearing Officer Staff Report

Prepared by the **Department of Planning and Development**

Hearing Date: December 17, 2025

Transaction Number: DV-0713-2025.

Parcel Number(s): 20-04-23-377-006.000-032.

Existing Zoning: A-1.

Petition: For a 7 ft. Developmental Variance (Ordinance requires 50 ft.) to allow for an addition to an attached accessory structure 43 ft. from the centerline of the right-of-way of Oak Hills Dr. and for a 13 ft. Developmental Variance (Ordinance requires 50 ft.) to allow for an existing accessory structure 37 ft. from the centerline of the right-of-way of Oak Hills Dr.

Petitioner: Calvin A. Hochstetler & Linda Hochstetler, Husband & Wife.

Location: Northwest corner of SR 120 & Oak Hills Dr., in York Township.

Site Description:

- ➤ Physical Improvement(s) Residence, detached accessory structure, pool.
- ➤ Proposed Improvement(s) Addition to an attached accessory structure.
- ➤ Existing Land Use Residential.
- ➤ Surrounding Land Use Residential, agricultural.

History and General Notes:

None.

Staff Analysis:

Staff finds that:

- 1. Approval of the requests will not be injurious to public health, safety, morals, or general welfare. The proposed structure and the existing shed will sit out of the right-of-way of SR 120 and Oak Hills Dr., and the proposed size of the new addition will not cause sight issues for traffic.
- 2. Approval of the requests will not cause substantial adverse effect on neighboring property. The property is a 0.55-acre parcel in a medium-density residential area, and the property will remain residential in character. The proposed addition will not encroach more than the existing shed, which has been in place without complaints since 2014.
- 3. Strict application of the terms of the Development Ordinance would result in an unnecessary hardship in the use of the property. Due to the layout of the parcel being between two roadways, there isn't a way to add an addition to the existing garage without a variance.

Hearing Officer Staff Report (Continued)

Hearing Date: December 17, 2025

Staff recommends **APPROVAL** with the following condition(s) imposed:

- 1. Variances from the developmental standards of the Development Ordinance are void unless an Improvement Location Permit is issued within 180 calendar days from the date of the grant and construction work completed within 1 year from the date of the issuance of the building permit (where required).
- 2. The request is approved in accordance with the site plan submitted (dated 11/10/2025) and as represented in the Developmental Variance application.

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Developmental Variance - Developmental Variance

December 17, 2025 11/10/2025 DV-0713-2025 Date: Meeting Date: Transaction #: Board of Zoning Appeals Public Hearing Description: for a 7 ft. Developmental Variance (Ordinance requires 50 ft.) to allow for an addition of an attached accessory structure 43 ft. from the centerline of the right-of-way of Oak Hills Drive and for a 13 ft. Developmental Variance (Ordinance requires 50 ft.) to allow for an existing accessory structure 37 ft. from the centerline of the right-of-way of Oak Hills Drive Contacts: Applicant **Authorized Agent** Land Owner Tru - Built Construction Tru - Built Construction Calvin A. Hochstetler And 59600 County Road 41 59600 County Road 41 Linda Hochstetler, Husband Middlebury, IN 46540 Middlebury, IN 46540 And Wife 11715 Sr 120 Middlebury, IN 46540 Site Address: 11715 State Road 120 Parcel Number: 20-04-23-377-006.000-032 Middlebury, IN 46540 York Township: Location: Northwest corner of SR 120 and Oak Hills Drive OAK HILLS SD 2 Subdivision: Lot# 0.55 328.00 205.00 Lot Area: Frontage: Depth: A-1 NPO List: Zoning: RESIDENTIAL Present Use of Property: Legal Description: Comments: Parcel creation date: 7/20/67 STORAGE EQUATION: RESIDENCE 1,035 SQ. FT X 110% = 1,138 SQ. FT. MINUS (572) ATTACHED GARAGE MINUS (180) UTILITY SHED MINUS (168) PROPOSED ACCESSORY ADDITION = 218 SQ. FT. REMAINING PERSONAL STORAGE AVAILABLE Applicant Signature: Department Signature:

-3	Developmental Variance — Questionnaire
Nam	ne: Calvin & Linda Hochstetler
1)	Tell us what you want to do. Add to the Front of Garage because it's to tight to fit 2 15 passenger vans into Garage.
2)	Tell us why you can't change what you're doing so you don't need a variance. We only need 6' Feet and if we would go a different direction would change the driveway and would be more costly.
3)	Tell us why the variance won't hurt your neighbors or the community. It's Just Making an improvement.
	Does the property need well and septic? Well:
5)	Does the application include variances to allow for buildings or additions? Building or addition 1
	Does the application include a variance for a residence on property with no road frontage?
7)	Does the application include variances for signs?
	Sign 2 Dimensions (length and width): Existing?
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8)	Does the application include a variance for parking spaces? Y N If yes, tell us how many total there will be.
9)	Tell us anything else you want us to know.



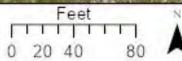
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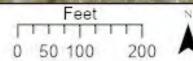
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Subject property



Subject property, existing shed on Oak Hills Dr.



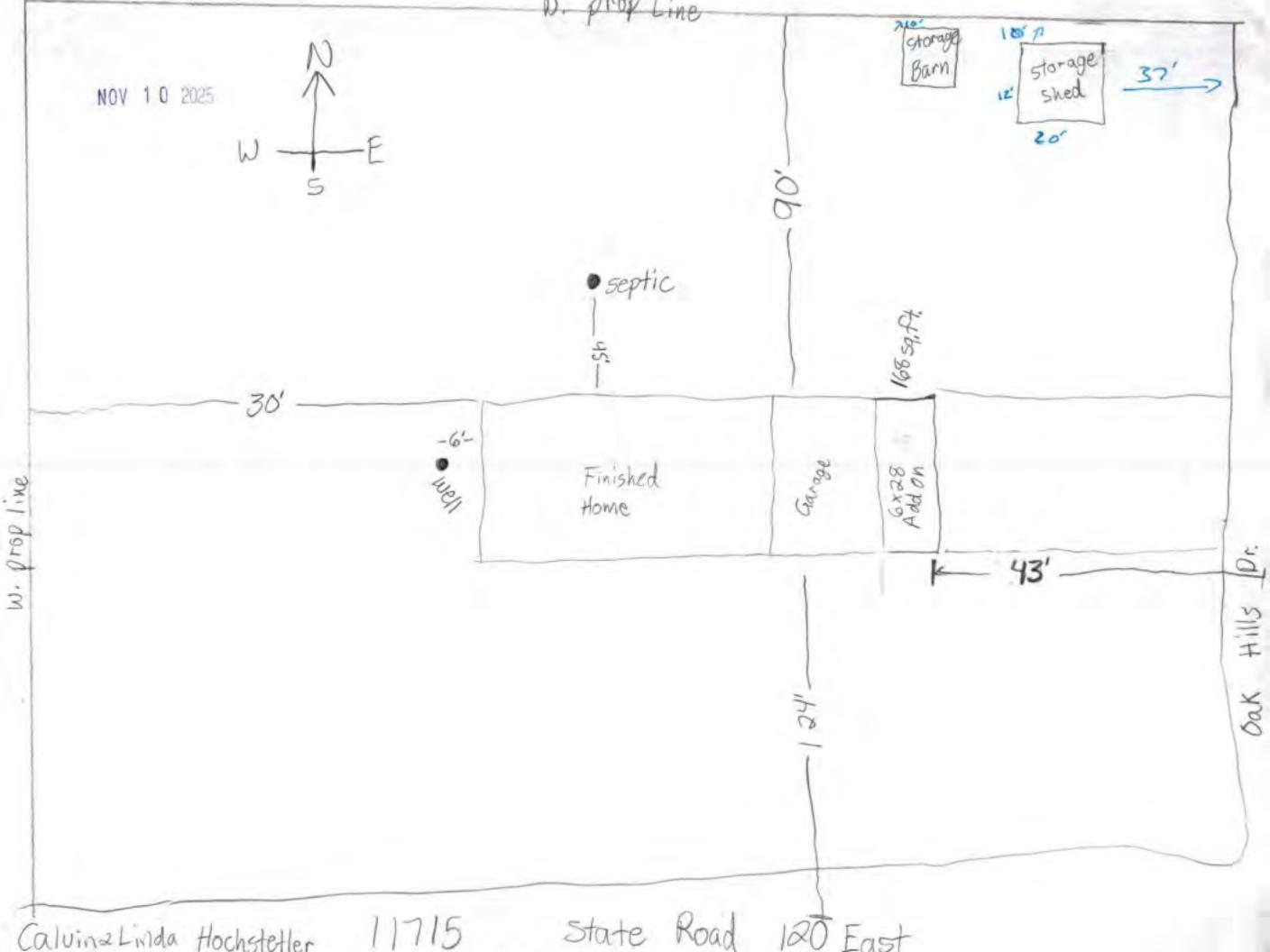
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Hearing Officer Staff Report

Prepared by the **Department of Planning and Development**

Hearing Date: December 17, 2025

Transaction Number: DV-0728-2025.

Parcel Number(s): 20-03-31-201-022.000-030.

Existing Zoning: R-1.

Petition: For a Developmental Variance to allow for the total square footage of accessory structures to exceed that allowed by right.

Petitioner: John Buwalda & Rose R. Fetzer Revocable Trust.

Location: West side of Echo Ln., 930 ft. south of CR 8, in Washington Township.

Site Description:

- ➤ Physical Improvement(s) Residence.
- ➤ Proposed Improvement(s) Accessory structure.
- Existing Land Use Residential.
- Surrounding Land Use Residential.

History and General Notes:

None.

Staff Analysis:

Staff finds that:

- 1. Approval of the request will not be injurious to public health, safety, morals, or general welfare. This request is 753 sq. ft., or 22%, over what is allowed, and all other development standards will be met.
- 2. Approval of the request will not cause substantial adverse effect on neighboring property. This is a 0.95-acre lot in a moderately dense residential area and the property will remain residential in character.
- 3. Strict application of the terms of the Development Ordinance would result in an unnecessary hardship in the use of the property. Without the benefit of the variance, the proposed structure could not be constructed.

Hearing Officer Staff Report (Continued)

Hearing Date: December 17, 2025

Staff recommends **APPROVAL** with the following condition(s) imposed:

- 1. A variance from the developmental standards of the Development Ordinance is void unless an Improvement Location Permit is issued within 180 calendar days from the date of the grant and construction work completed within 1 year from the date of the issuance of the building permit (where required).
- 2. The request is approved in accordance with the site plan submitted (dated 11/28/2025) and as represented in the Developmental Variance application.

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Developmental Variance - Developmental Variance Fax - (574) 971-4578 December 17, 2025 11/17/2025 DV-0728-2025 Date: Meeting Date: Transaction #: Board of Zoning Appeals Public Hearing Description: for a Developmental Variance to allow for the total square footage of accessory structures to exceed that allowed Contacts: Applicant Land Owner John Buwalda, And Individual, John Buwalda, And Individual, And Rose R. Fetzer Buwalda, And Rose R. Fetzer Buwalda, Revocable Trust Revocable Trust 54175 Echo Lane 54175 Echo Lane Bristol, IN 46507 Bristol, IN 46507 $20\hbox{-}03\hbox{-}31\hbox{-}201\hbox{-}022.000\hbox{-}030$ Site Address: 54175 Echo Ln Parcel Number: Bristol, IN 46507 Washington Township: West Side Of Echo Lane, 930 ft. South Of County Road 8 Location: PHEASANT RIDGE Lot # 2 Subdivision: 0.95 120.00 339.00 Lot Area: Frontage: Depth: NPO List: Zoning: R-1 Present Use of Property: RESIDENTIAL Legal Description: RESIDENCE = 3,064 SQ FT X 110% = 3,370 SQ FT MINUS 1,723 (GARAGE) AND NEW PROPOSED BUILDING AT 40 X 60 Comments: = 2,400 SQ FT, WHICH IS AN OVERAGE OF 753 SQ FT. * APPLICANT TO PROVIDE REVSIED SITE PLAN SHOWING MINIMUM SET-BACK OF 35' FEET FROM PROPERTY LINE (60 FT TO CENTERLINE) AS STATED IN SUBDIVISION PLAT - KB/DD 11/17/2025 Applicant Signature: Department Signature:

Developmental Variance — Questionnaire Buwalda 1) Tell us what you want to do. Build a 60x40fT Pole barn which maximum accessory storage exceeds the ocdinence 2) Tell us why you can't change what you're doing so you don't need a variance. The species needed to fit Larger Hems (Boats, trailers, yard equipment Keep thom safe from the elements, and have spice to acets/more 3) Tell us why the variance won't hurt your neighbors or the community. Complies w/ setback height reguirements, Improves character, cleanliness, and property values or neighborhood. 4) Does the property need well and septic? Well: X Y □ N Septic: X Y □ N Does the property need a <u>new</u> septic system?

Y

N If a new septic system is needed, did the Health Department say there's enough space for it?

Y

N 5) Does the application include variances to allow for buildings or additions?

Y

N

If yes, fill out below. Size and height to the peak: 60×90 Building or addition 1 Tell us what you'll use it for. Building or addition 2 Size and height to the peak: Tell us what you'll use it for. **Building or addition 3** Size and height to the peak: Tell us what you'll use it for. 6) Does the application include a variance for a residence on property with no road frontage?

Y

N If yes, fill out below. Is the easement existing? \square Y \square N If the easement is existing, is it recorded? \square Y \square N Tell us who owns (will own) the land under the easement. Tell us how many parcels will use the easement. 7) Does the application include variances for signs?

Y

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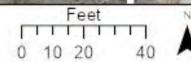
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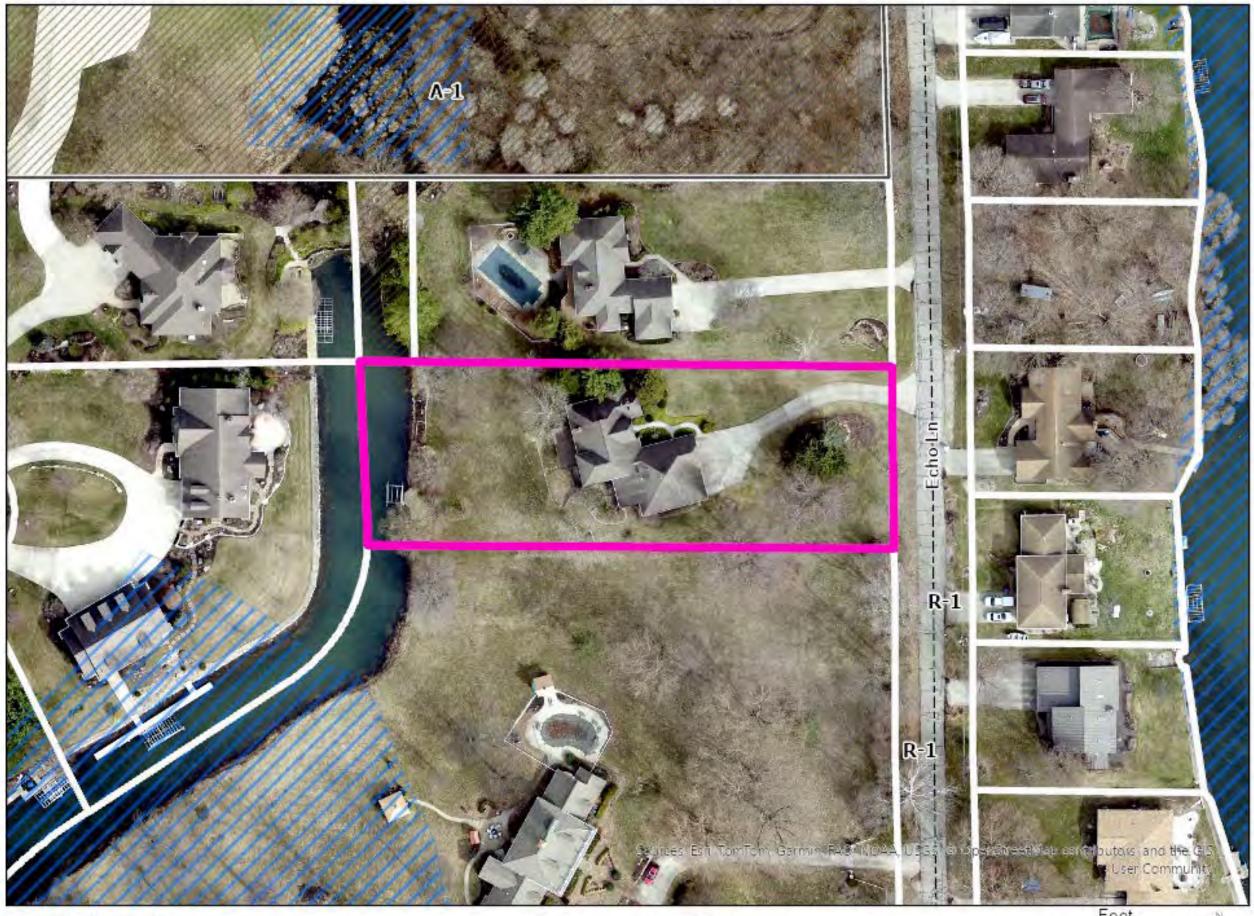
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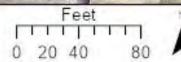


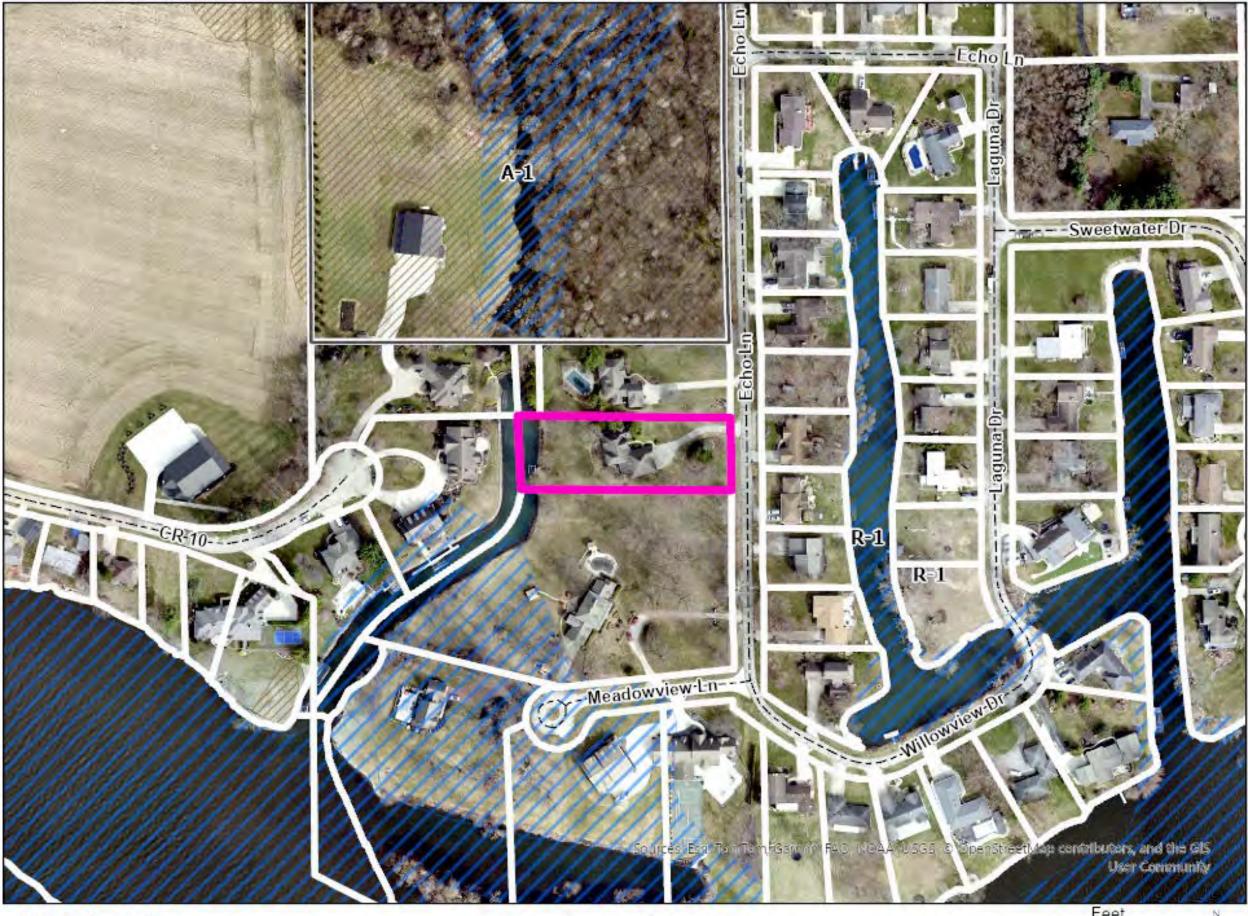
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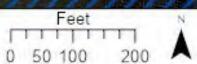
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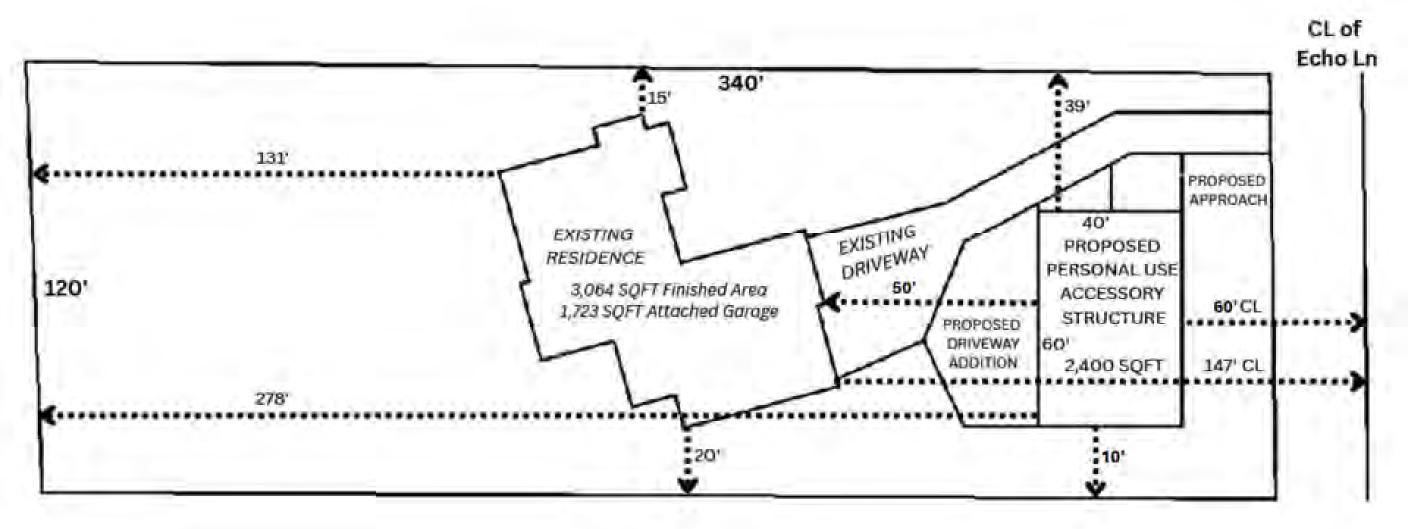
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Hearing Officer Staff Report

Prepared by the **Department of Planning and Development**

Hearing Date: December 17, 2025

Transaction Number: DV-0729-2025.

Parcel Number(s): 20-02-08-480-036.000-026.

Existing Zoning: R-2.

Petition: For a 20 ft. Developmental Variance (Ordinance requires 50 ft.) to allow for the construction of a residence 30 ft. from the centerline of the right-of-way of North Shore Dr., for a 33 ft. Developmental Variance (Ordinance requires 50 ft.) to allow for the construction of a residence 17 ft. from the centerline of the right-of way of East Ct., and for a 2 ft. Developmental Variance (Ordinance requires 5 ft.) to allow for the construction of a residence 3 ft. from the west side property line.

Petitioner: Jack Vergonet & Gina R. Vergonet, Husband & Wife.

Location: South side of North Shore Dr., 2,555 ft. east of SR 19, in Osolo Township.

Site Description:

- ➤ Physical Improvement(s) Residence and detached garage to be demolished.
- ➤ Proposed Improvement(s) Replacement residence.
- Existing Land Use Residential.
- ➤ Surrounding Land Use Residential.

History and General Notes:

None.

Staff Analysis:

Staff finds that:

- 1. Approval of the request will not be injurious to public health, safety, morals, or general welfare. The proposed home is not a risk to traffic safety on North Shore Dr., and East Ct. is no longer used as public right-of-way.
- 2. Approval of the request will not cause substantial adverse effect on neighboring property. This is a 0.143-acre lot in a dense lake neighborhood, and the lot will remain residential in character.
- 3. Strict application of the terms of the Development Ordinance would result in an unnecessary hardship in the use of the property. Front and side setback encroachments are common in small-lot lake neighborhoods.

Hearing Officer Staff Report (Continued)

Hearing Date: December 17, 2025

Staff recommends **APPROVAL** with the following condition(s) imposed:

- 1. Variances from the developmental standards of the Development Ordinance are void unless an Improvement Location Permit is issued within 180 calendar days from the date of the grant and construction work completed within 1 year from the date of the issuance of the building permit (where required).
- 2. The request is approved in accordance with the site plan submitted (dated 11/17/2025) and as represented in the Developmental Variance application.

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Developmental Variance - Developmental Variance

Date: 11/17/2025	Meeting Date:		per 17, 2025 Appeals Public Hearing	Transaction #:	DV-0729-2025	
Description: for a 20 ft. Developmental Variance (Ordinance requires 50 ft.) to allow for the construction of a residence to be constructed 30 ft. from the centerline of the right-of-way of North Shore Dr., and for a 33 ft. Developmental Variance (Ordinance requires 50 ft.) to allow for the construction of a residence to be constructed 17 ft. from the centerline of the right-of-way of East Ct., and for a 2 ft. Developmental Variance (Ordinance requires 5 ft.) to allow for the construction of a residence to be constructed 3 ft. from the west side property line						
Contacts: Applicant Freedom Builders 54824 Cr 33 Middlebury, IN 46540	Authorized Agent Freedom Builders 54824 Cr 33 Middlebury, IN 4	5	Land Owner Jack Vergonet And Gina Vergonet, Husband And (Grantee) 23231 Orchard Ridge De Elkhart, IN 46516	Wife		
Site Address: 25992 North Shore Dr Elkhart, IN 46514			Parcel Number:	rcel Number: 20-02-08-480-036.000-026		
Township: Osolo Location: South Side Of North Shore Drive, 2,255 ft. East Of SR 19						
Subdivision: THOMPSON SD SI	M LAKE		Lot # LOT 14			
Lot Area:	0.13 Frontage:	40.00		Depth:	146.00	
Zoning: R-2			NPO List:			
Present Use of Property: RESIDENTIAL						
Legal Description:						
Comments: ALSO PART OF SUBI	DIVISION ALTERATION	ON LOT 14A				
Applicant Signature:			Department Signature:			

Developmental Variance — Questionnaire

Jack & Gina Vergonet 1) Tell us what you want to do. Developmental variance to all for the construction of a new residence 30' from the center of North Shore Dr, 17' from the center of East Court, and 3' from the west side property line 2) Tell us why you can't change what you're doing so you don't need a variance. The required setbacks would not allow for any reasonable size structure on this lot 3) Tell us why the variance won't hurt your neighbors or the community. This parcel is in an area with many smaller lots where most homes are unable to meet required setbacks without a variance. This request is not uncommon in this area. The parcel use will remain residential in a rural residential area 4) Does the property need well and septic? Well: ☑ Y ☐ N Septic: ☐ Y 図 N Does the property need a <u>new</u> septic system? □ Y ⊠ N If a new septic system is needed, did the Health Department say there's enough space for it? $\ \square\ Y\ \square\ N$ 5) Does the application include variances to allow for buildings or additions?

Y

N

If yes, fill out below. Size and height to the peak: 2572 sq ft; 30' to the peak **Building or addition 1** New Residence Tell us what you'll use it for. **Building or addition 2** Size and height to the peak: Tell us what you'll use it for. Building or addition 3 Size and height to the peak: Tell us what you'll use it for. 6) Does the application include a variance for a residence on property with no road frontage?

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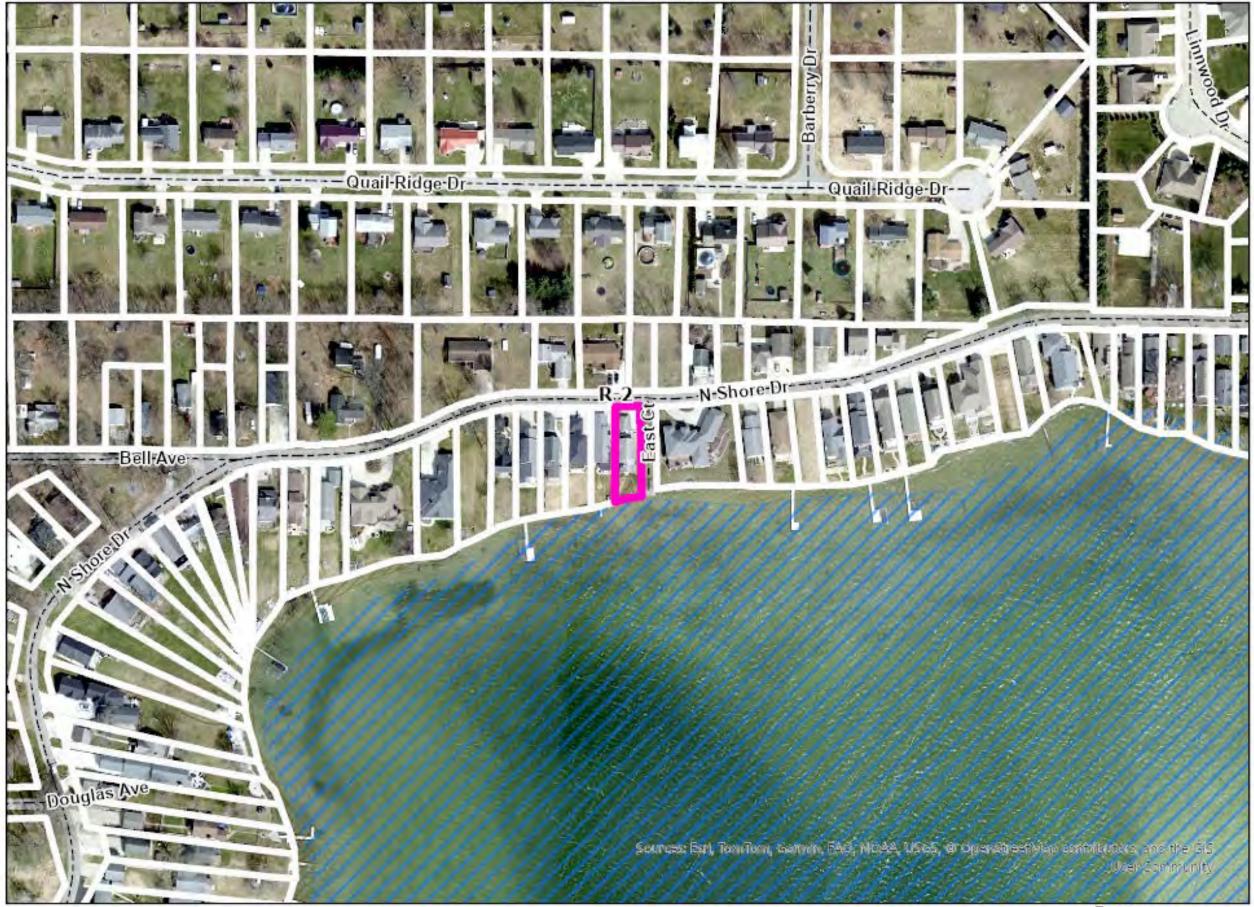




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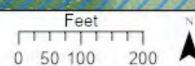
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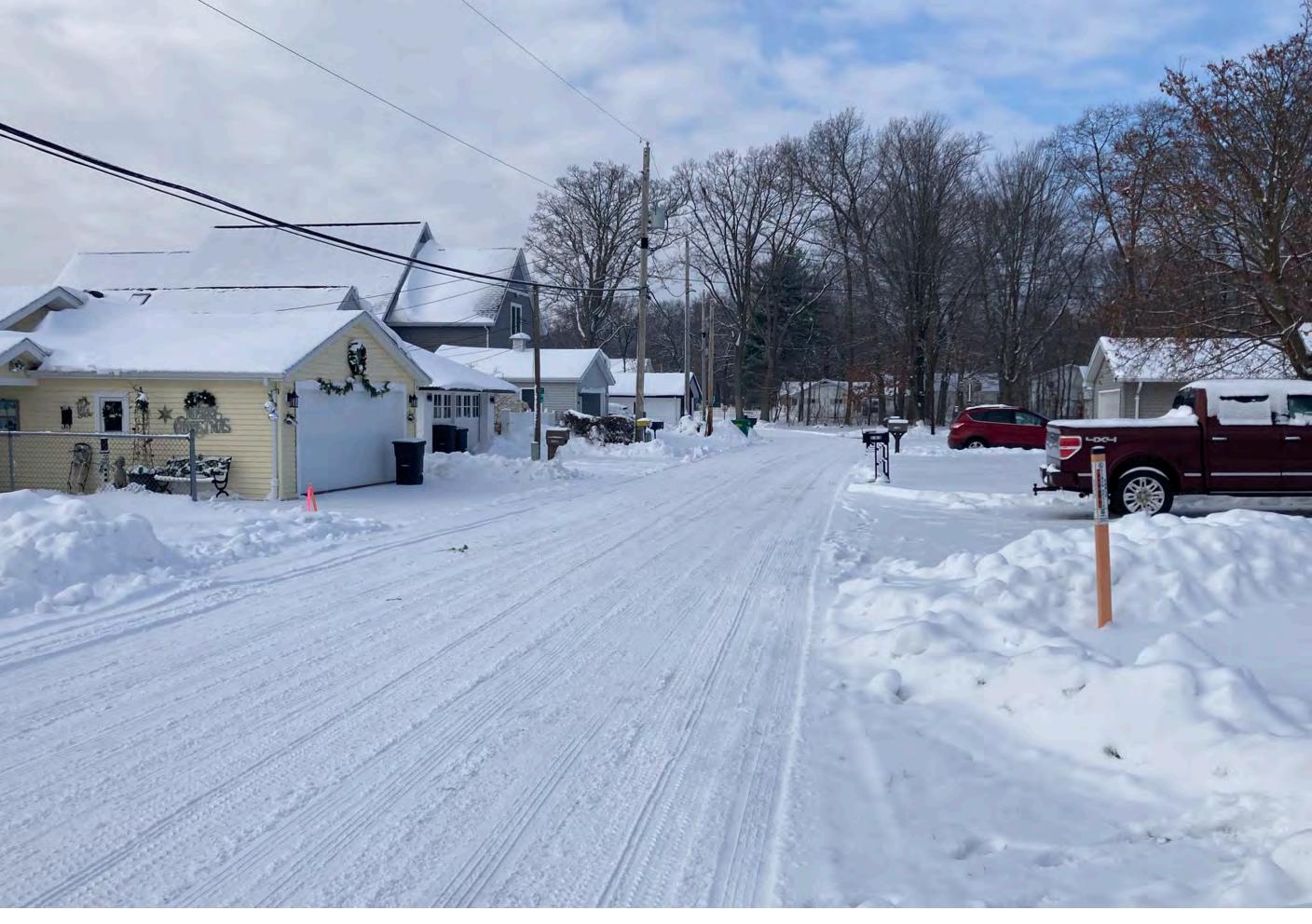




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