AGENDA

ELKHART COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS HEARING OFFICER

JUNE 18, 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.

DEV	ELOPMENTA	AL VARIANCES 9:00 A.M.
A.	Petitioner:	Lee J. Johnson & Talullah T. Marks, Husband & Wife (Page 1)
	Petition:	for a Developmental Variance to allow for the total square footage of accessory structures to exceed that allowed by right.
	Location:	South side of SR 4, 2,480 ft. West of CR 127, common address of 17456 SR
		4 in Elkhart Township, zoned A-1. DV-0290-2025
B.	Petitioner:	L. Jean Gongwer as Trustee of the L. Jean Gongwer Living Trust (Page 2)
	Petition:	for a 7 ft. Developmental Variance (Ordinance allows 25 ft.) to allow for an
		accessory structure 32 ft. in height and for a Developmental Variance to allow
		for the total square footage of accessory structures to exceed that allowed by right.
	Location:	West side of CR 1, 1,425 ft. North of CR 42, common address of 66607 CR 1
		in Olive Township, zoned A-1. DV-0303-2025
C.	Petitioner:	Vernon J. Miller, Trustee & Betty L. Miller, Trustee (Page 3)
	~	of the Miller Family Revocable Living Trust
	Petition:	for a Developmental Variance to allow for the construction of a residence on property with no road frontage, served by an access easement.
	Location:	Southeast side of the easement, East of CR 43, 1,620 ft. South of CR 36,
		common address of 64310 CR 43 in Clinton Township, zoned A-1.
		DV-0315-2025
D.	Petitioner:	Juan C. Jimenez Medrano (Page 4)
	Petition:	for a Developmental Variance to allow for the total square footage of accessory structures to exceed that allowed by right.
	Location:	South side of CR 20, 765 ft. Southeast of CR 111, common address of 24678
		CR 20 in Concord Township, zoned R-1. DV-0323-2025

 E. Petitioner: Lisa L. Thompson (Owner/Buyer) & Hazel A. Walters, (Page 5) Trustee of the Hazel Arnell Walters Revocable Trust (Seller)
 Petition: for a Developmental Variance to allow for the construction of a residence on property with no road frontage served by an access easement.
 Location: East side of CR 3, 915 ft. South of CR 24, common address of 59020 CR 3 in Baugo Township, zoned A-1. DV-0324-2025

<u>STAFF/BOARD ITEMS</u> (*Time of review at the discretion of the Board of Zoning Appeals*)

• Minor Change – Developmental Variance – George A. Smucker – (DV-0840-2024) – request to extend the ILP requirements for 180 days.

The Elkhart County Board of Zoning Appeals Hearing Officer is meeting on Wednesday June 18, 2025, at **9:00 am** in Rooms A & B of the Public Services Building, Goshen, Indiana. Pursuant to advice of the Indiana Public Access Counselor, general public comment will not be permitted at this public meeting on non-public hearing matters. To the extent you wish to make comment remotely during any public hearings scheduled during this public meeting, please call (574) 971-4678 to learn how to remotely submit your public comment for the public hearing. The public is encouraged to attend the meeting remotely by going to

<u>www.elkhartcountyplanninganddevelopment.com</u> at **9:00 am** on June 18, 2025. If you have further questions regarding how to remotely attend the public meeting please call (574) 971-4678.

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Hearing Officer Staff Report

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

Hearing Date: June 18, 2025

Transaction Number: DV-0290-2025.

Parcel Number(s): 20-11-11-251-002.000-014.

Existing Zoning: A-1.

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

Petitioner: Lee J. Johnson & Talullah T. Marks, Husband & Wife.

Location: South side of SR 4, 2,480 ft. west of CR 127, in Elkhart Township.

Site Description:

- Physical Improvement(s) Residence, detached accessory structures.
- Proposed Improvement(s) Detached accessory structure.
- Existing Land Use Residential.
- Surrounding Land Use Residential and Agricultural.

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 request is 362 sq. ft., or 23%, over what is allowed by right 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 0.70-acre parcel in a residential and agricultural area, and the property will remain residential in character. The accessory structure is in character with what can be found on neighboring properties.
- 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 need for outdoor storage would arise as the structure couldn't be built.

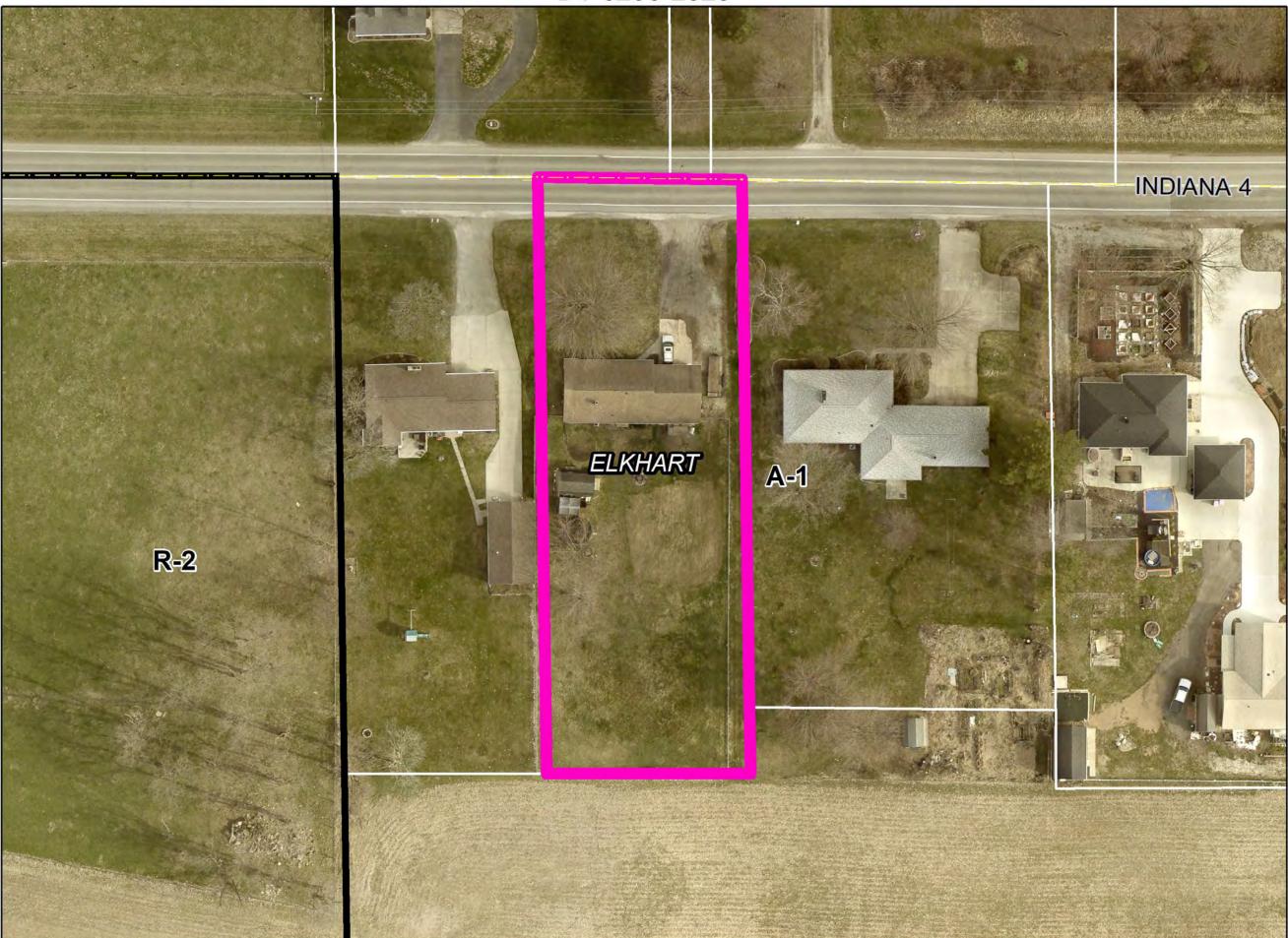
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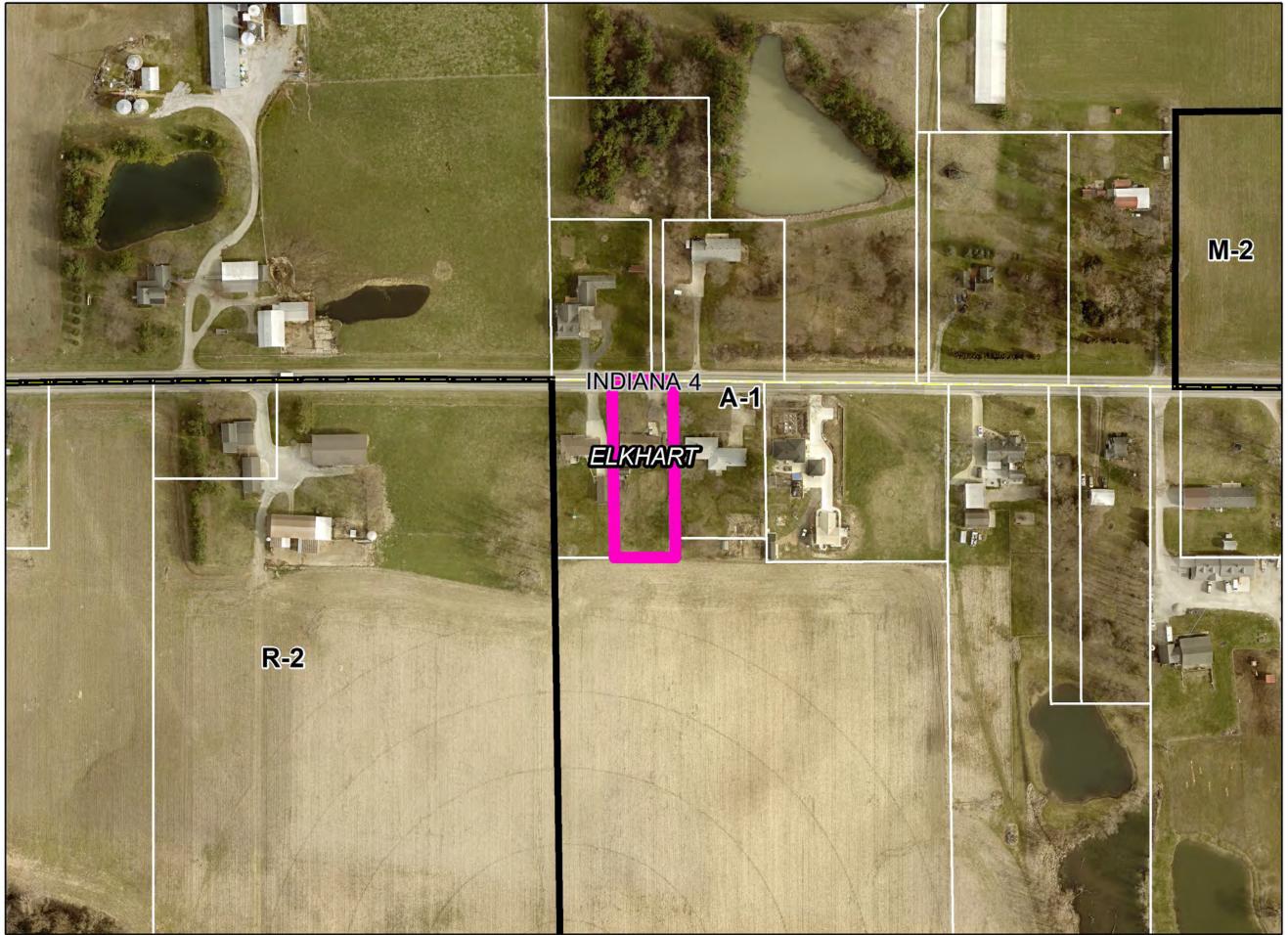
Staff recommends **APPROVAL** with the following condition(s) imposed:

- 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 5/5/2025) and as represented in the Developmental Variance application.

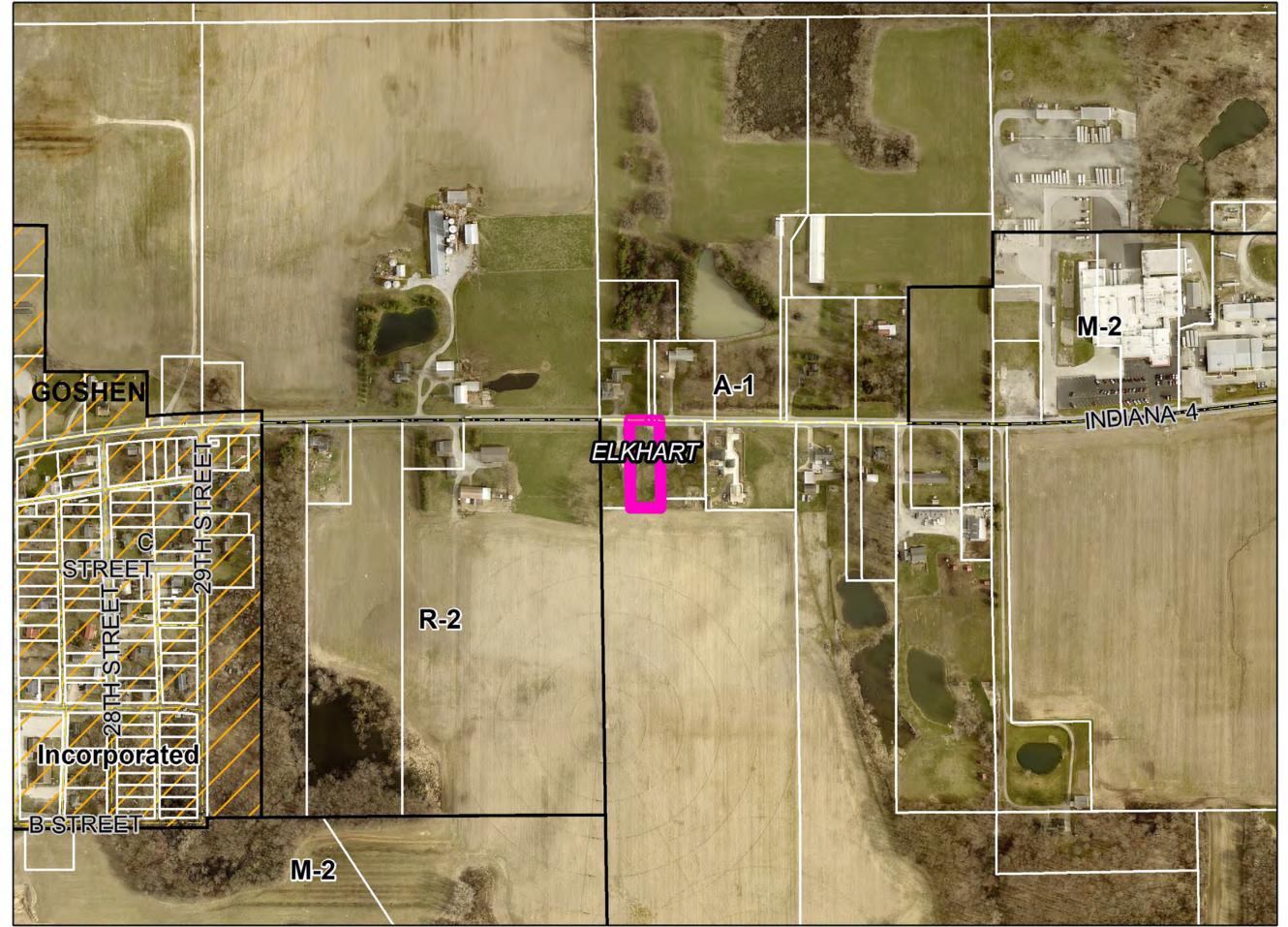
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2021 Aerials



Subject property



Facing west



Facing east



Facing north

PLAN COMMISSION & BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

Elkhart County Planning & Development Public Services Building

4230 Elkhart Road, Goshen, Indiana, 46526 Phone - (574) 971-4678

Developmental Variance - Developmental Variance Fax - (574) 971-4578 June 18, 2025 05/05/2025 DV-0290-2025 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 by right Contacts: Applicant Land Owner Lee J. Johnson And Talullah Lee J. Johnson And Talullah Marks, Husband And Wife Marks, Husband And Wife 17456 Sr 4 17456 Sr 4 Goshen, IN 46528 Goshen, IN 46528 20-11-11-251-002.000-014 Site Address: 17456 State Road 4 Parcel Number: Goshen, IN 46528 Elkhart Township: SOUTH SIDE OF SR 4, 2,480 WEST OF CR 127 Location: Subdivision: Lot # 0.70 100.00 251.00 Frontage: Depth: Lot Area: A-1 NPO List: Zoning: RESIDENTIAL Present Use of Property: Legal Description: PARCEL CREATION DATE 5/10/1962 Comments: Applicant Signature: Department Signature:

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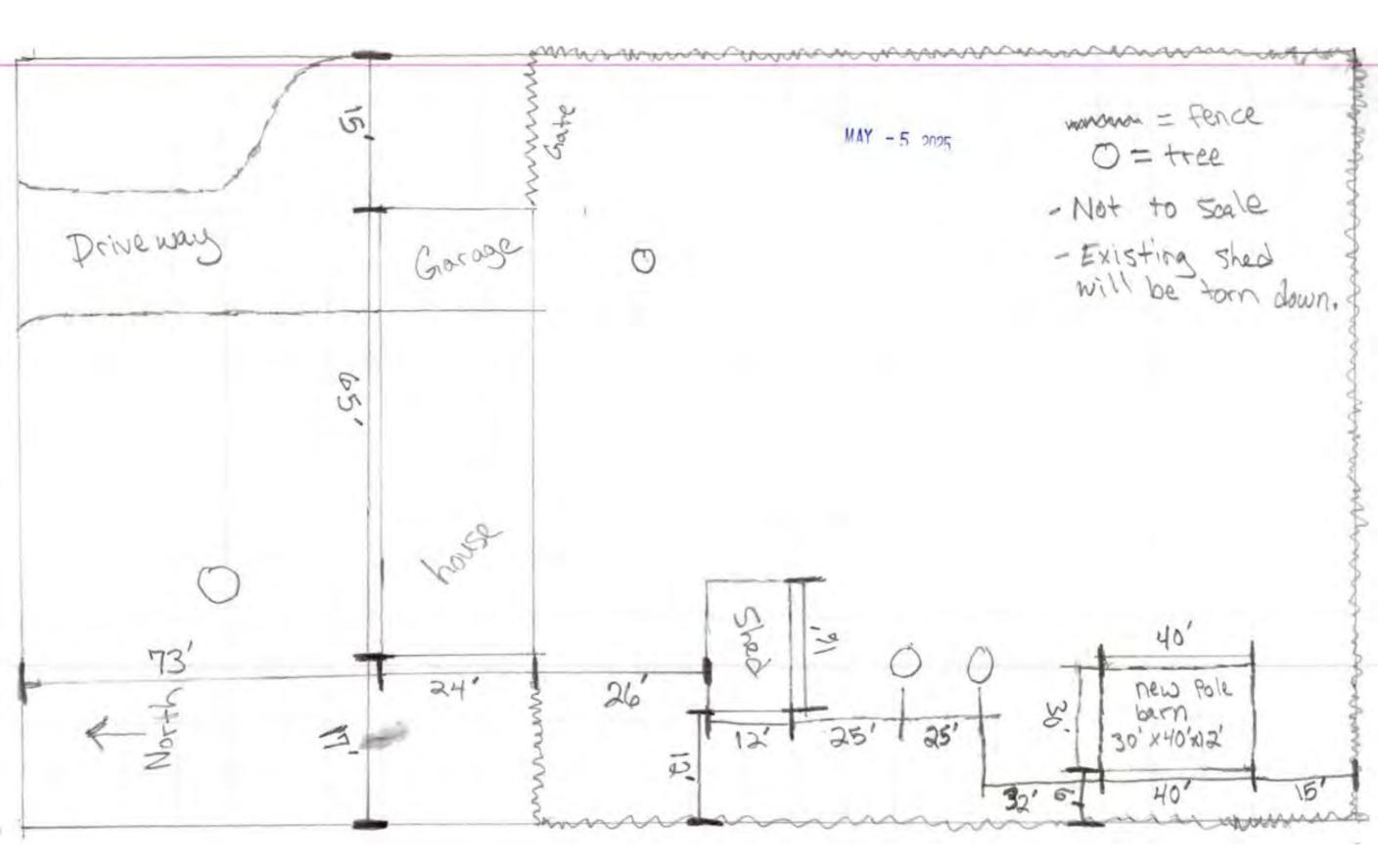
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Elkhart County Planning & Development

Application
Site address: 17456 State Road 4 Goshen, IN. 46528
Parcel number(s): 20-11-11-251-002,000-014
Current property owner
Name: Lee J. Johnson
Name: Lee J. Johnson Address: 17456 State Road 4 Goshen, IN. 46528 Phone: 574-238-6651 Email: division 4riders@aol.co
Phone: 514-238-6651 Email: division 4 riders @aol. co
Other party
Name:
Address:
Phone: Email:
By signing below, I understand that if my application is approved, there may be conditions that will have to be met before approval is final and building permits can be started. I also understand that the conditions may include a commitment that the property owner is responsible for completing and returning. Signature of current property owner or authorized agent:
Description: For a Development Variance to allow for the total Sg Foutage of accessory structures to exceed that allowed by right.
Parcel creation date: 5/10/1962 Subdivision required? Y Y N If yes, AS Minor Major Residential accessory breakdown, if applicable: Ste
Residential accessory breakdown, if applicable:
Location: N \bigcirc E W corner \bigcirc end of \bigcirc STATE ROAD 4 2,355 ft. N S E \bigcirc of \bigcirc CR 127 ,
in ELKHART Township
Frontage: 100 Fr. Depth: 251 Fr. Area: 0.7 acres
Subdivision and lot number, if applicable: NIA.
Present use: RESIDENTIAL

In T	Developmental Variance — Questionnaire
	Johnson
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	storage and to replace my existing shed
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Hearing Officer Staff Report

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

Hearing Date: June 18, 2025

Transaction Number: DV-0303-2025.

Parcel Number(s): 20-09-34-426-001.000-024.

Existing Zoning: A-1.

Petition: For a 7 ft. Developmental Variance (Ordinance allows 25 ft.) to allow for an accessory structure 32 ft. in height and for a Developmental Variance to allow for the total square footage of accessory structures to exceed that allowed by right.

Petitioner: L. Jean Gongwer as Trustee of the L. Jean Gongwer Living Trust.

Location: West side of CR 1, 1,425 ft. north of CR 42, in Olive Township.

Site Description:

- Physical Improvement(s) Residence, detached accessory structures, pool.
- Proposed Improvement(s) Detached 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 request will not be injurious to public health, safety, morals, or general welfare. The request is 106 sq. ft., or 0.01%, over what is allowed by right, and all setback requirements are being met. The height request will not cause sight safety issues for traffic or neighboring driveways as this will sit far back on the property.
- 2. Approval of the request will not cause substantial adverse effect on neighboring property. The property is a 39.5-acre parcel in a low-density residential and agricultural 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. The proposed structure is to allow for indoor recreation and storage area; without the benefit of the variance the building couldn't be built to the height and size needed.

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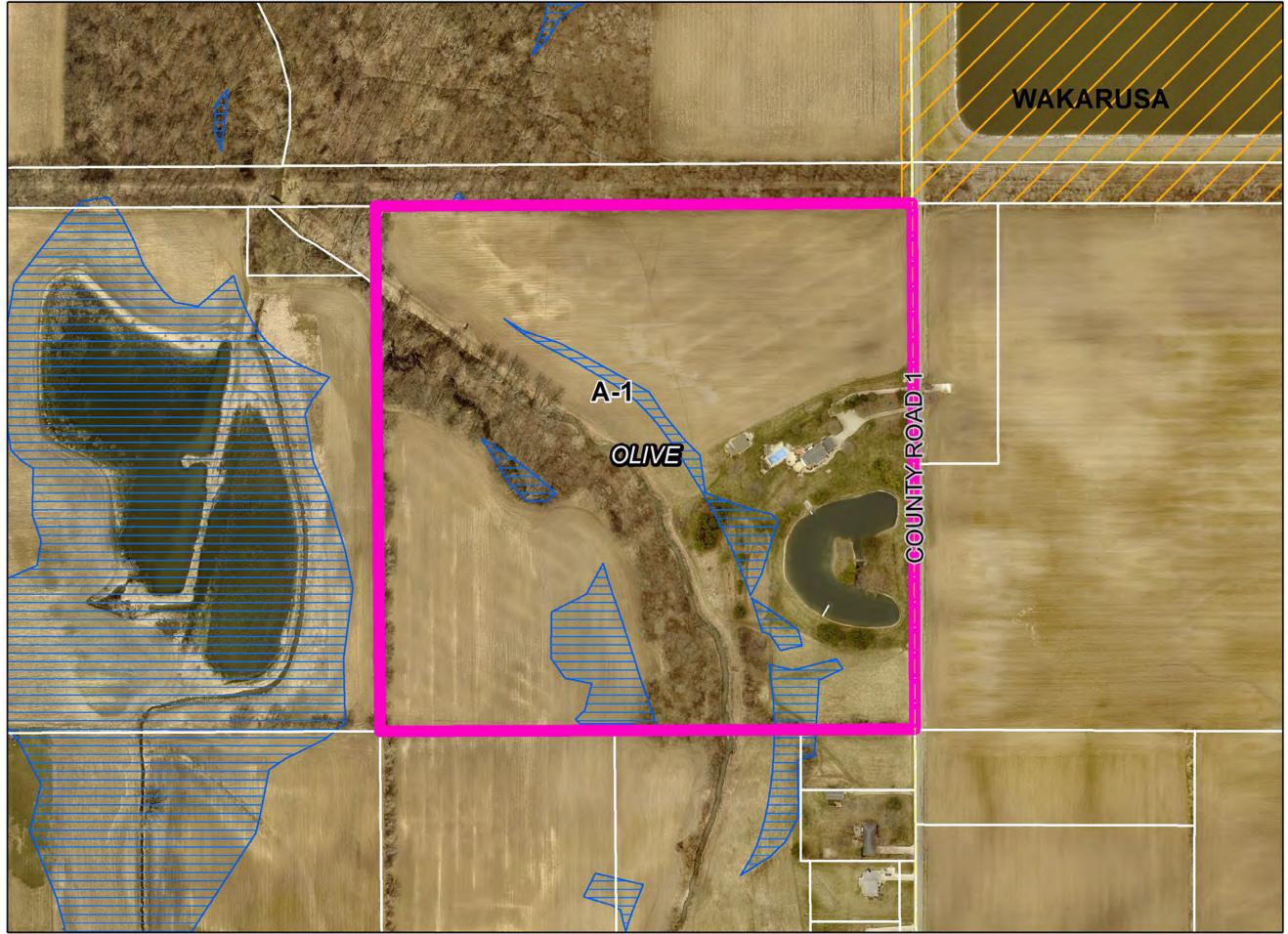
Staff recommends **APPROVAL** with the following condition(s) imposed:

- 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 5/7/2025) and as represented in the Developmental Variance application.

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2021 Aerials



Subject property



Subject property (building site)



Subject property (building site)



Facing north



Facing south



Facing east

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Developmental Variance -	Developmental Variance
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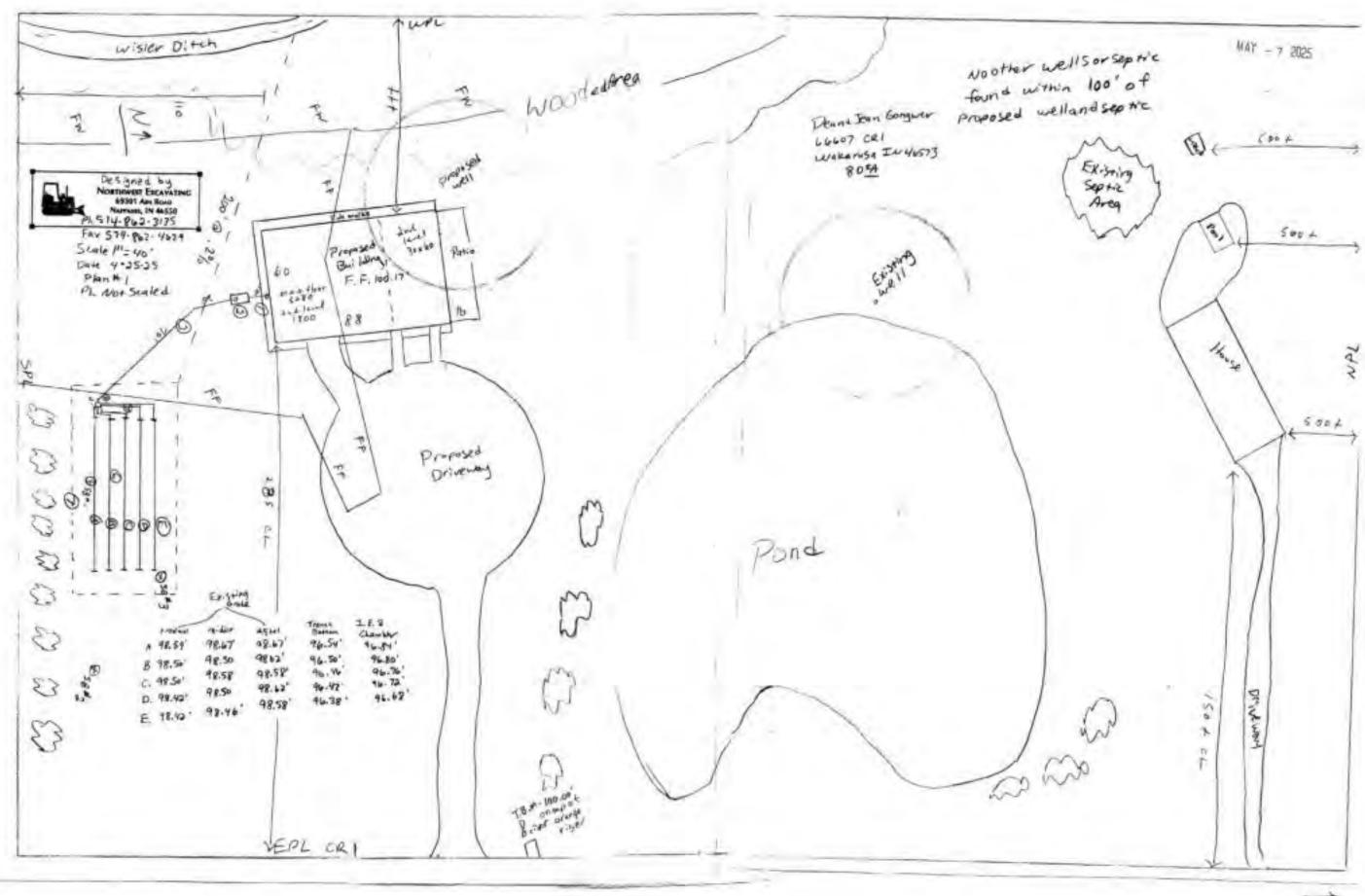
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Contacts:ApplicantAuthorized AgentL. Jean Gongwer As Trustee Of The L Jean Gongwer LivingTodd GongwerThe L Jean Gongwer Living118 Parkfield CtTrustWakarusa, IN 46573Wakarusa, IN 46573Wakarusa, IN 46573	Land Owner L. Jean Gongwer As Trustee Of The L Jean Gongwer Living Trust 66607 County Road 1 Wakarusa, IN 46573
Site Address: 66607 County Road 1 Wakarusa, IN 46573	Parcel Number: 20-09-34-426-001.000-024
Township:OliveLocation:WEST SIDE OF CR 1, 1425 FT. NORTH OF CR 42	
Subdivision:	Lot #
Lot Area: 39.50 Frontage: 1,300.00	Depth: 1,325.00
Zoning: A-1	NPO List:
Present Use of Property: RESIDENTIAL	
Legal Description:	
Comments: PARCEL CREATION DATE 3/1/62	
Applicant Signature:	Department Signature:

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Application
Site address: 66607 CRI Wakarusa, IN
Parcel number(s):
Current property owner
Name: <u>Dean Congwer</u> Address: <u>66607 CRI Wakarusa IN</u>
Address: 66607 CRI Wakarusa, IN
Phone: 574-361-3326 Email:
Other party 🗹 Agent 🗆 Buyer 🗆 Land contract purchaser 🗆 Lessee
Name: Todd Gongwer
Address: 118 Parkfield Lt Wakarusa, IN
Phone: 574-274-8633 Email:
By signing below, I understand that if my application is approved, there may be conditions that will have to be met before approval is final and building permits can be started. I also understand that the conditions may include a commitment that the property owner is responsible for completing and returning.
Signature of current property owner or authorized agent: Dean Hongwer
Staff Use Only
Description: A 7FT DEVELOPMENTAL VAPIANCE (OPDINANLE
ALLOWS 25 FT.) TO ALLOW FOR AN AZLESSORY STRUCTURE
32 FT IN HEIGHT AND FOR A DEVELOPMENTAL VARIANCE TO
ALLOW FOR THE TOTAL SUF FOOTAGE OF ACCESSORY STRUCTURES TO EXCEED
THAT ALLOWED BY RIGHT
Parcel creation date: 3/1/62
Subdivision required? Y N If yes, AS Minor Major
Residential accessory breakdown, if applicable:
Location: N S E (W) corner side end of CR ,
$\frac{1425}{\text{in } 011VE} \text{ft. (N) S E W of } \frac{0242}{\text{Township}},$
Frontage: 1300 Depth: 1325 Area: 39.5 acres
Subdivision and lot number, if applicable: NA

Developmental Variance — Questionnaire	Developmental	Variance - 0	Questionnaire
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1)	Tell us what you want to do. Build a barn / Rec building
2)	Tell us why you can't change what you're doing so you don't need a variance. The Inside basketball court and second Floor roof/cerling hight is what we designed.
3)	Tell us why the variance won't hurt your neighbors or the community. very few neighbors of view
4)	Does the property need well and septic? Well: $\square Y \square N$ Septic: $\square Y \square N$ Does the property need a <u>new</u> septic system? $\square Y \square N$ 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 Building or addition 1 Size and height to the peak: $32'$ $32'$ $32'$ $32'$ 7080 $64'$ Tell us what you'll use it for. Reccourt on inside / office space Building or addition 2 Size and height to the peak: $21'$ 7080 $64'$ Building or addition 2 Size and height to the peak: 7080 $64'$ Tell us what you'll use it for. Size and height to the peak: 7080 $64'$ Tell us what you'll use it for. Size and height to the peak: 7080 $64'$ Tell us what you'll use it for. Size and height to the peak: $7080'$ $708'$ Tell us what you'll use it for. Size and height to the peak: $708'$ $708'$
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7)	Does the application include variances for signs? Y Y N If yes, fill out below. Sign 1 Dimensions (length and width):
	Existing? Y N Double faced? Y N Electronic message board? Y N If no, lighted? Y N Freestanding? Y N Wall mounted? Y N
8)	Does the application include a variance for parking spaces? Y Y N



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Hearing Officer Staff Report

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

Hearing Date: June 18, 2025

Transaction Number: DV-0315-2025.

Parcel Number(s): Part of 20-12-24-100-010.000-007.

Existing Zoning: A-1.

Petition: For a Developmental Variance to allow for the construction of a residence on property with no road frontage, served by an access easement.

Petitioner: Vernon J. Miller, Trustee, & Betty L. Miller, Trustee, of the Miller Family Revocable Living Trust.

Location: Southeast side of the easement, east of CR 43, 1,620 ft. south of CR 36, in Clinton Township.

Site Description:

- Physical Improvement(s) Vacant.
- Proposed Improvement(s) Single-family residence.
- Existing Land Use Vacant.
- Surrounding Land Use Residential, Agricultural.

History and General Notes:

> The landowner intends to do an administrative subdivision once the new split of property is completed.

Staff Analysis:

Staff finds that:

- 1. Approval of the request will not be injurious to public health, safety, morals, or general welfare. The subject property is bordered by other large homesites, and the property will be accessed by an existing driveway that will not change the density or safety of the area.
- 2. Approval of the request will not cause substantial adverse effect on neighboring property. This will be a 5.54-acre parcel in a low-density residential and agricultural 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 property would be non-conforming and a residence could not be built.

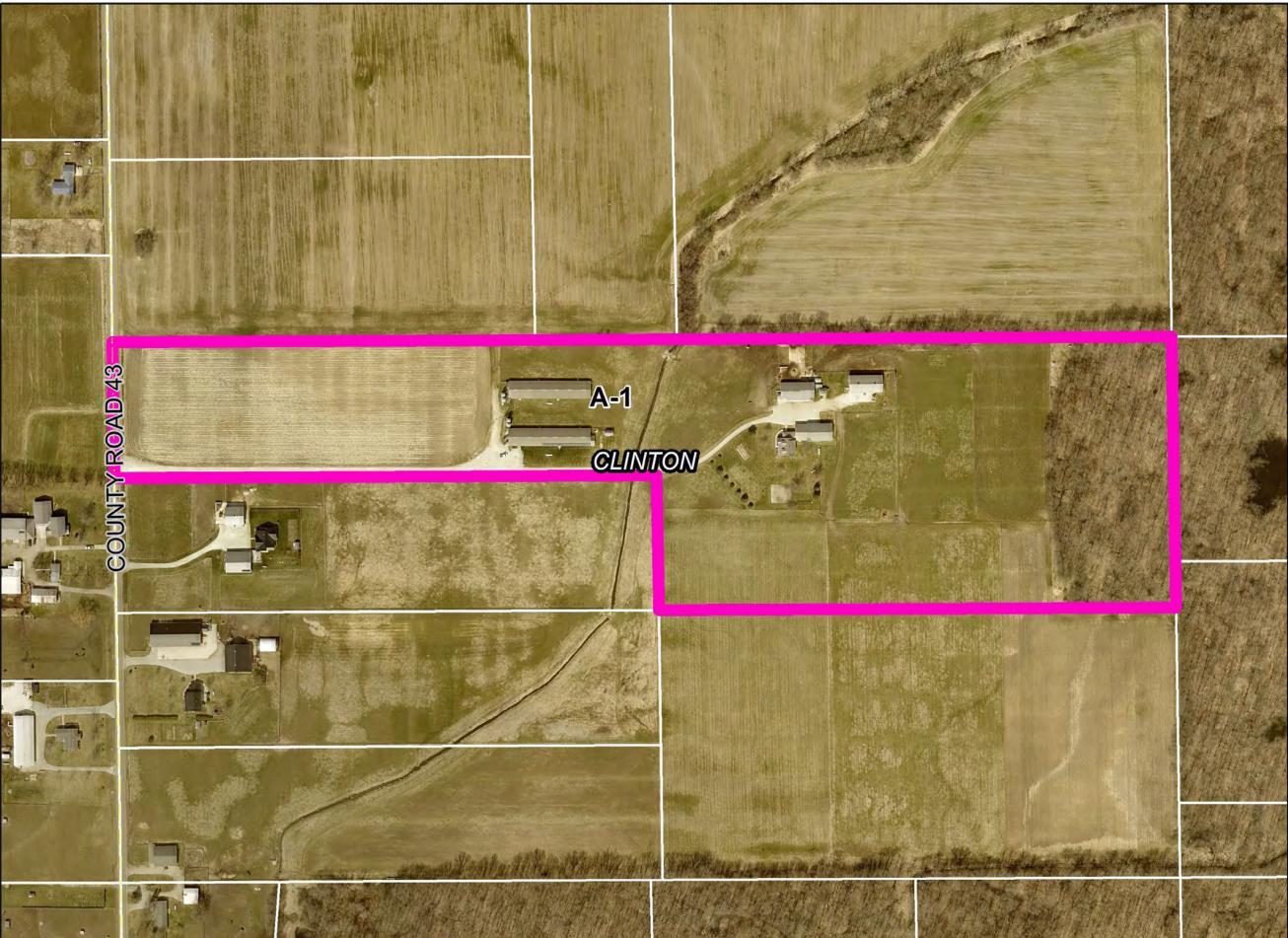
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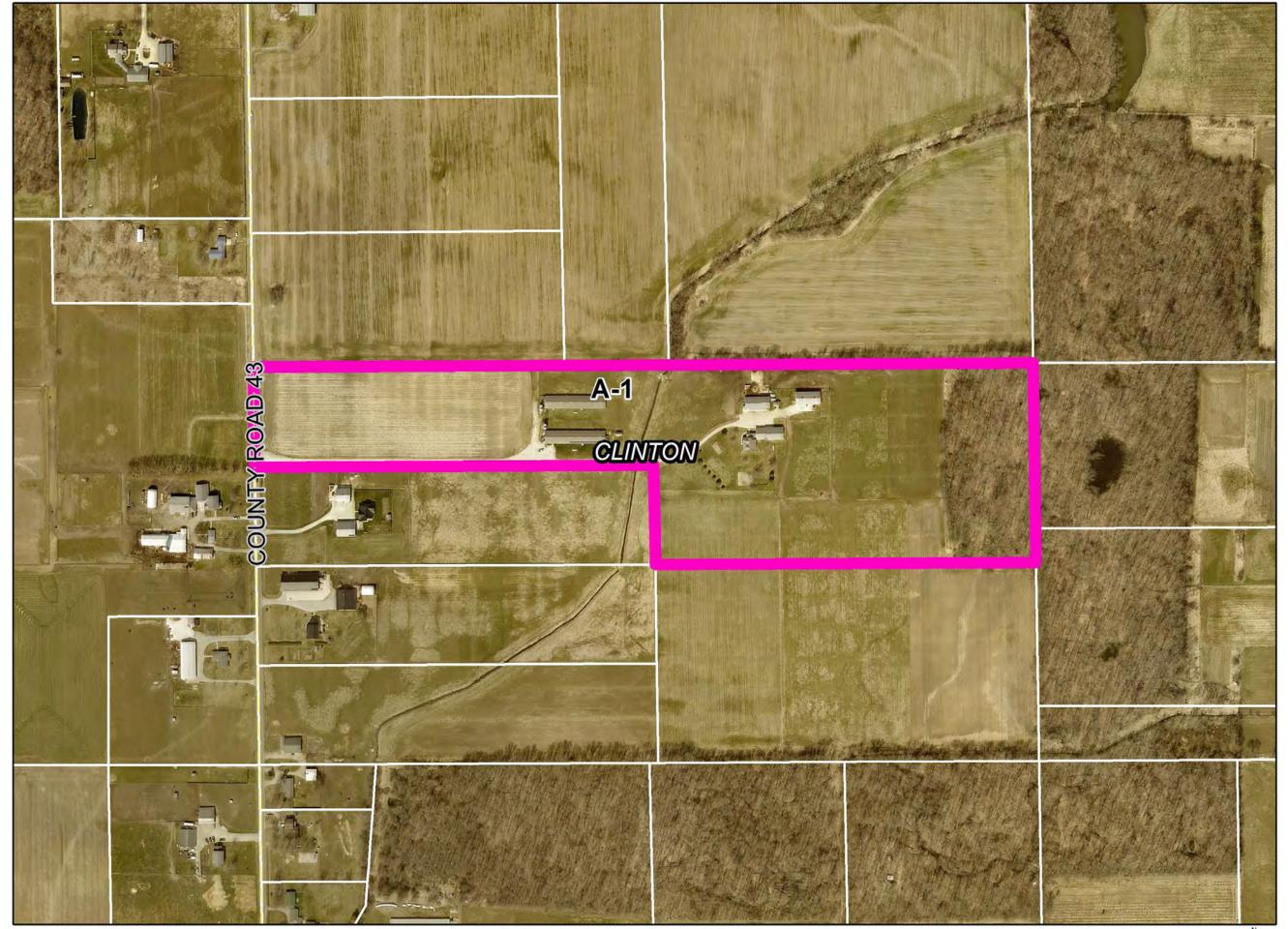
Staff recommends **APPROVAL** with the following condition(s) imposed:

- 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. A subdivision is required.
- 3. A new recorded deed of the new parcel is required.
- 4. The request is approved in accordance with the site plan submitted (dated 5/12/2025) and as represented in the Developmental Variance application.

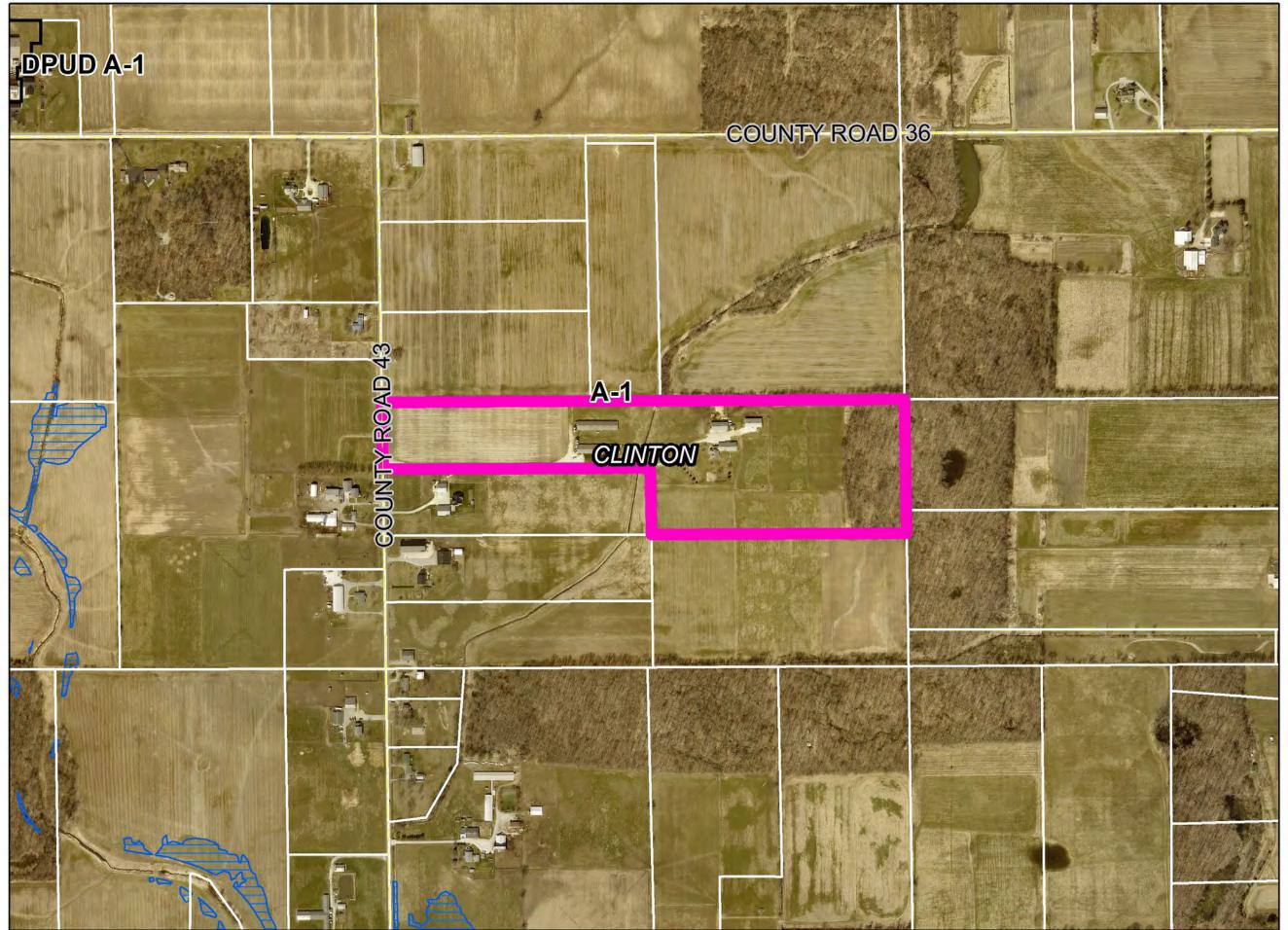
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Subject property, existing driveway access



Facing north



Facing south



Facing west

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Developmental Variance - Developmental Variance	Fax - (574) 971-4578			
Data UN/17/7075 Maatima Data	e 18, 2025 Appeals Public Hearing Transaction #: DV-0315-2025			
Description: for a Developmental Variance to allow for the construction of served by an access easement	f a residence on property with no road frontage			
Contacts:ApplicantAuthorized AgentAdvanced Land Surveying Of Northern Indiana, Inc.Advanced Land Surveying Of Northern Indiana, Inc.Northern Indiana, Inc.17120 County Road 46 New Paris, IN 46553New Paris, IN 46553New Paris, IN 46553	Land OwnerPrivate SurveyorVernon J. Miller & Betty L.Advanced Land Surveying OfMiller, Trustee Of The MillerNorthern Indiana, Inc.Family Revocable17120 County Road 4664310 Cr 43New Paris, IN 46553Goshen, IN 46528In the second s			
Site Address: 64310 County Road 43 Goshen, IN 46528	Parcel Number: Part of 20-12-24-100-010.000-007			
Township:ClintonLocation:SOUTH SIDE OF THE EASEMENT, EAST OF CR 43, 1,	20 FT. SOUTH OF CR 36			
Subdivision:	Lot #			
Lot Area: 5.54 Frontage: 0.00	Depth: 989.00			
Zoning: A-1	NPO List:			
Present Use of Property: RESIDENTIAL/AG				
Legal Description:				
Comments: WATCH FOR NEW SPLIT WILL BE TURNING IN AN ADMIN SUB. AW 5/28/25LIVING TRUST. (TOO MANY CHARACTERS). AW				
Applicant Signature:	Department Signature:			

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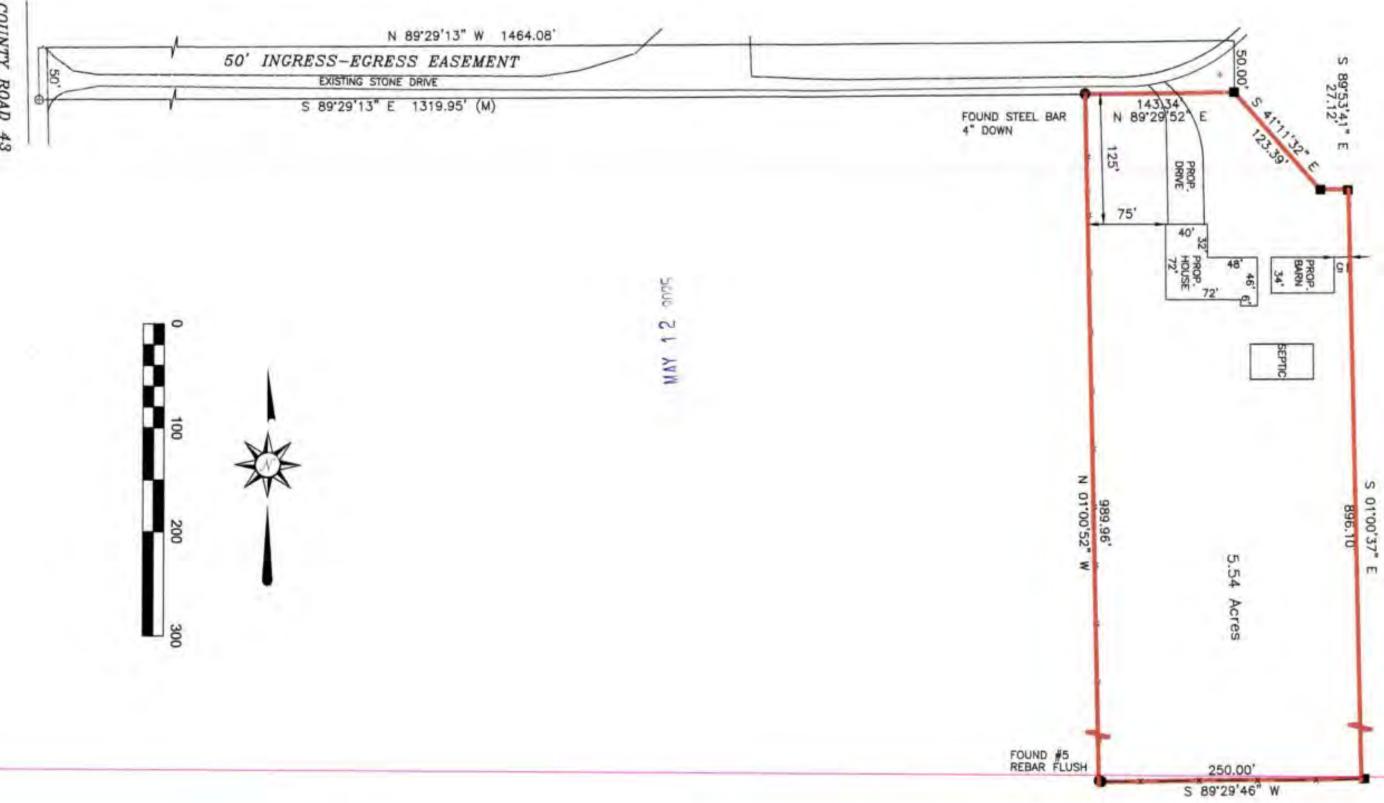
Application		
Site address: 64310 COUNTY ROAD 43, GOSHEN, in 46528		
Parcel number(s): 20-12-24-100-010.000-017		
Current property owner		
Name: VERNON J. & BETTY L. MILLER		
Address: 64310 COUNTY ROAD 43, GOSHEN, in 46528		
Phone: (574) 642-3915 Email:		
Other party Agent Buyer Land contract purchaser Lessee		
Name: Ronnie Justice P.S. / Advanced Land Surveying		
Address: 17120 County Road 46, New Paris, IN 46553		
Phone: (574) 849-4728 Email: ron@advancedlandsurveying.net		
By signing below, I understand that if my application is approved, there may be conditions that will have to be met before approval is final and building permits can be started. I also understand that the conditions may include a commitment that the property owner is responsible for completing and returning. Signature of current property owner or authorized agent: Romy Judy		
Staff Use Only Description: FOR A DEVELOPMENTAL VARIANCE TO ALLOW FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A RESIDENCE ON PROPERTY W/NO ROAD FRONTAGE SERVED BY AN ALLESS EASEMENT.		
Parcel creation date: IN PROGRESS - NEW Sput.		
Subdivision required? X I N If yes, I AS I Minor I Major		
Residential accessory breakdown, if applicable:		
Location: N S E W corner side end of CR 43 , 1/475 ft. N S E W of CR 36. , in CLINTON Township Frontage: O FT. Depth: 989 FT. Area: 5.54. acres Subdivision and lot number, if applicable:		
Present use: RESIDENTIAZ / FARM (1G)		

Developmental Variance — Questionnaire

Name: VERNON J. & BETTY L. MILLER

- 1) Tell us what you want to do. <u>CUTTING OUT 5.54 ACRES OF OUR LAND TO BUILD A NEW HOUSE AND</u> ONE OF OUR CHILDREN WILLTAKE THE EXISTING HOME
- 2) Tell us why you can't change what you're doing so you don't need a variance. THERE IS ALREADY A
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 NEW HOME
- 3) Tell us why the variance won't hurt your neighbors or the community. THE DRIVE IS EXISTING AND HAS BEEN THERE A LONG TIME

4)	Does the property need well and septic? Well: $\square Y \square N$ Septic: $\square Y \square N$ Does the property need a <u>new</u> septic system? $\square Y \square N$
	If a new septic system is needed, did the Health Department say there's enough space for it? \checkmark Y \square N
5)	
	Building or addition 1 Size and height to the peak: 3200 SQ. FT.
	Tell us what you'll use it for. RESIDENCE
	Building or addition 2 Size and height to the peak: 2040 SQ. FT.
	Tell us what you'll use it for. BARN
	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? $\nabla Y \square N$ If yes, fill out below.
	Is the easement existing? V I N If the easement is existing, is it recorded? I Y N
	Tell us who owns (will own) the land under the easement. VERNON & BETTY MILLER
	Tell us how many parcels will use the easement. 2
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COUNTY ROAD 43

Hearing Officer Staff Report

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

Hearing Date: June 18, 2025

Transaction Number: DV-0323-2025.

Parcel Number(s): 20-06-22-376-022.000-009.

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: Juan C. Jimenez Medrano.

Location: South side of CR 20, 765 ft. southeast of CR 111, in Concord Township.

Site Description:

- Physical Improvement(s) Residence, detached accessory structure.
- Proposed Improvement(s) Detached accessory structure.
- Existing Land Use Residential, Agricultural.
- Surrounding Land Use Residential, Agricultural.

History and General Notes:

February 21, 2002 – The BZA approved a Special Use for a home workshop/business for an insurance office (20021102).

Staff Analysis:

Staff finds that:

- 1. Approval of the request will not be injurious to public health, safety, morals, or general welfare. The request is 568 sq. ft., or 29%, over what is allowed and all other developmental standards will be met.
- 2. Approval of the request will not cause substantial adverse effect on neighboring property. This is a 1-acre parcel in a medium-density 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 need for outdoor storage would arise and the structure couldn't be built.

Hearing Officer Staff Report (Continued)

Hearing Date: June 18, 2025

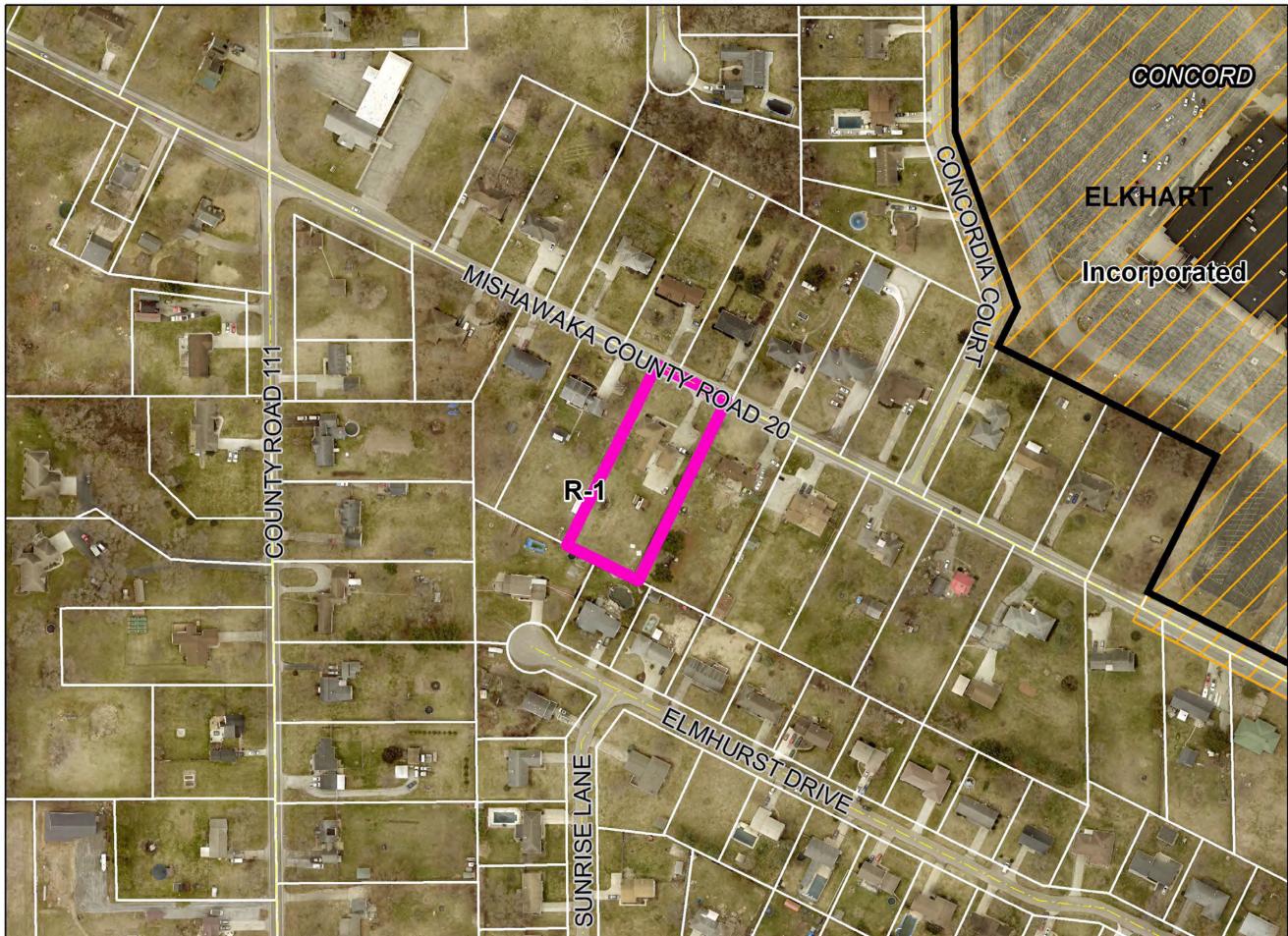
Staff recommends **APPROVAL** with the following condition(s) imposed:

- 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 5/12/2025) and as represented in the Developmental Variance application.

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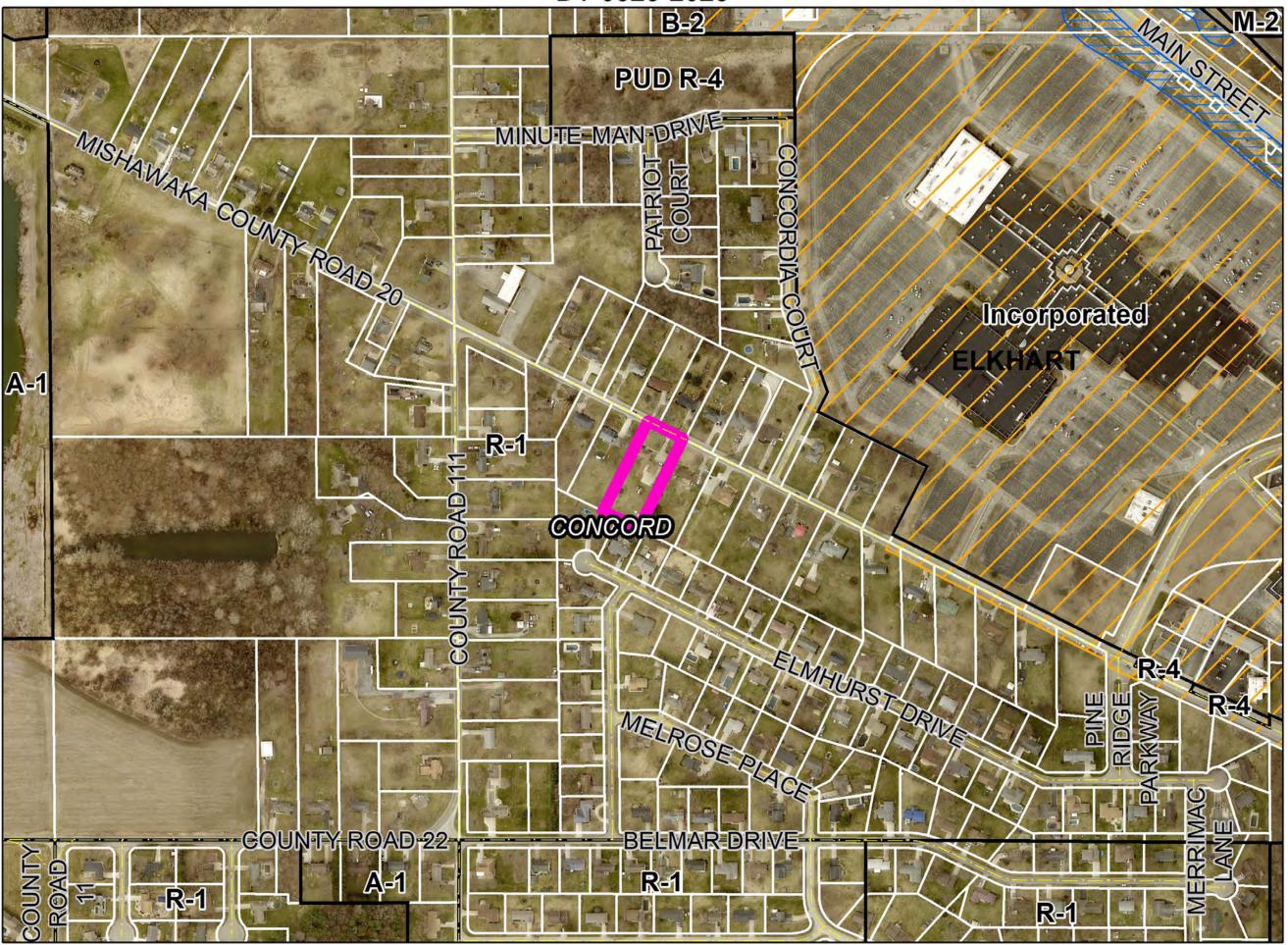


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2021 Aerials

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Subject property



Facing southeast



Facing northwest



Facing north

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Developmental Variance - Developmental Variance Fax - (574) 971-4578 June 18, 2025 05/12/2025 DV-0323-2025 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 by right Contacts: Applicant Land Owner Juan C. Jimenez Medrano Juan C. Jimenez Medrano 24678 County Road 20 24678 County Road 20 Elkhart, IN 46517 Elkhart, IN 46517 20-06-22-376-022.000-009 Site Address: 24678 County Road 20 Parcel Number: Elkhart, IN 46517 Township: Concord Location: SOUTH SIDE OF CR 20, 765 FT. SOUTHEAST OF CR 111 Subdivision: Lot # 1.00 128.00 305.00 Lot Area: Frontage: Depth: R-1 NPO List: Zoning: RESIDENTIAL Present Use of Property: Legal Description: PARCEL CREATION DATE: 3/1/62 Comments: SEE ALSO SPECIAL USE FOR GLENN W. EBY & RICHARD SMOKER (20021102)APPROVED 2/21/02 STORAGE EQUATION: RESIDENCE (1514 X 110%) = 1665 MINUS ATTACHED GARAGE (736) MINUS UTILITY SHED (96) MINUS UTILITY SHED (96) MINUS PROPOSED ACCESSORY STORAGE BLDG (1800) =-1063 SQ. FT. Applicant Signature: Department Signature:

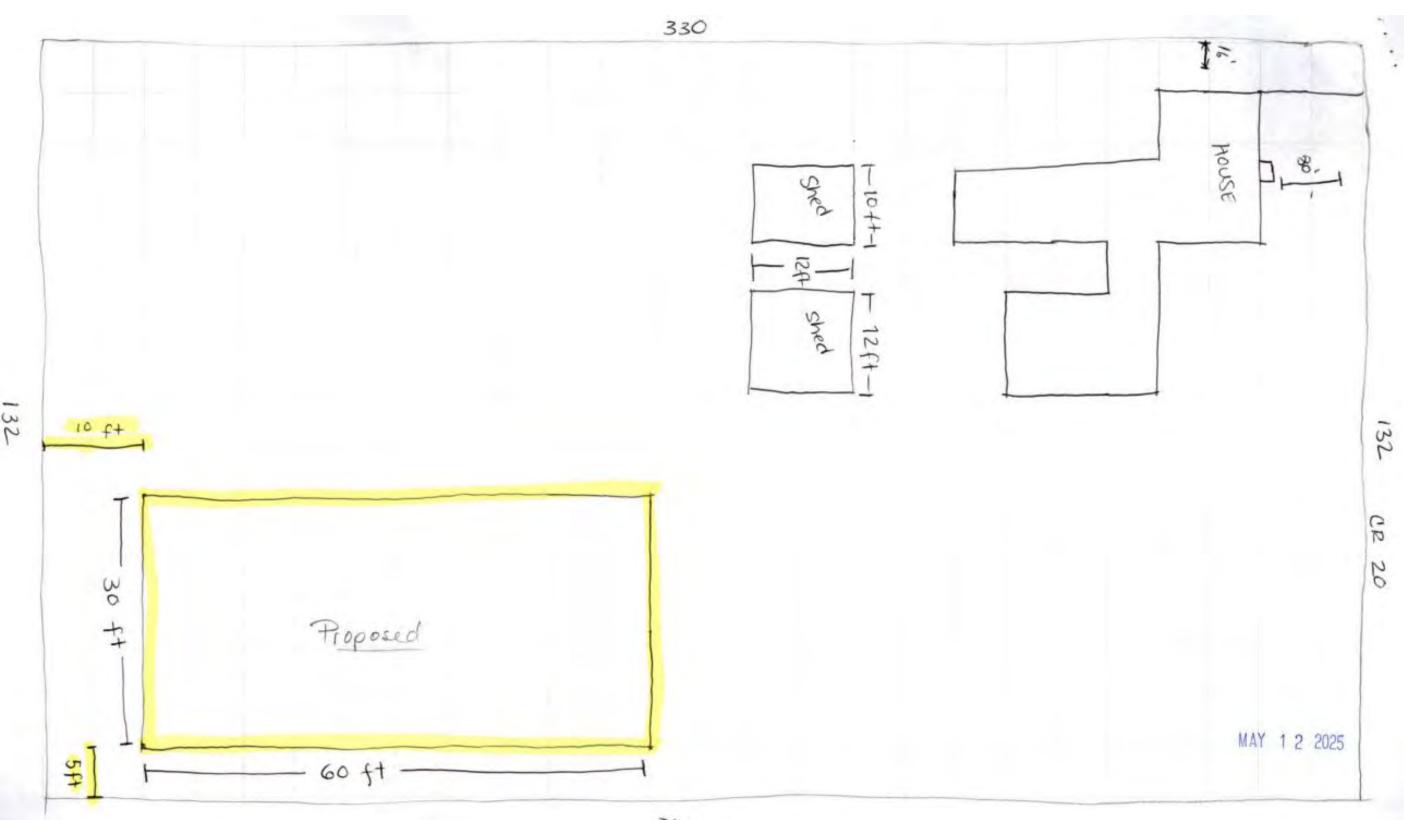
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Application
Site address: 24678 County Road 20
Site address: 24678 County Road 20 Parcel number(s): 20-06-22-376-022.000-009
Name: Carlos Jimenez
Address: 24678 County Road 20, Elkhart, IN 46517 Phone: (626)509-3281 Email:
Other party Agent Buyer Land contract purchaser Lessee
Name:
Address:
Phone: Email:
By signing below, I understand that if my application is approved, there may be conditions that will have to be met before approval is final and building permits can be started. I also understand that the conditions may include a commitment that the property owner is responsible for completing and returning.
Signature of current property owner or authorized agent:
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1)	Tell us what you want to do. I will like to build a barm to storage my bobcat and a couple trailers, and my truck.
2)	Tell us why you can't change what you're doing so you don't need a variance.
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9)	Tell us anything else you want us to know. <u>I don't need electricity and water of concrete</u> . If I get approval, I am gonna get rid of the other shed.



Hearing Officer Staff Report

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

Hearing Date: June 18, 2025

Transaction Number: DV-0324-2025.

Parcel Number(s): 20-05-25-101-018.000-001 & 20-05-25-101-019.000-001 & 20-05-25-101-025.000-001.

Existing Zoning: A-1.

Petition: For a Developmental Variance to allow for the construction of a residence on property with no road frontage served by an access easement.

Petitioner: Lisa L. Thompson (Owner/Buyer) & Hazel A. Walters, Trustee of the Hazel Arnell Walters Revocable Trust (Seller).

Location: East side of CR 3, 915 ft. south of CR 24, in Baugo Township.

Site Description:

- Physical Improvement(s) Vacant.
- Proposed Improvement(s) Single-family residence.
- Existing Land Use Vacant.
- Surrounding Land Use Residential, Agricultural, School.

History and General Notes:

- February 17, 2021 The Hearing Officer approved a Developmental Variance to allow for the construction of a residence on property with no road frontage served by an access easement (DV-0045-2021).
- November 17, 2021 The Hearing Officer approved a Developmental Variance to allow for the construction of a residence on property with no road frontage served by an access easement (DV-0828-2021).
- More than 180 days passed without an improvement location permit, and the Developmental Variances expired.

Staff Analysis:

Staff finds that:

- 1. Approval of the request will not be injurious to public health, safety, morals, or general welfare. The subject property is bordered by other large homesites, and the extra access driveway will not change the density or safety of the area.
- 2. Approval of the request will not cause substantial adverse effect on neighboring property. This will be a 2.5-acre parcel in a moderately dense mixed-use 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 property would be non-conforming, and a residence could not be built.

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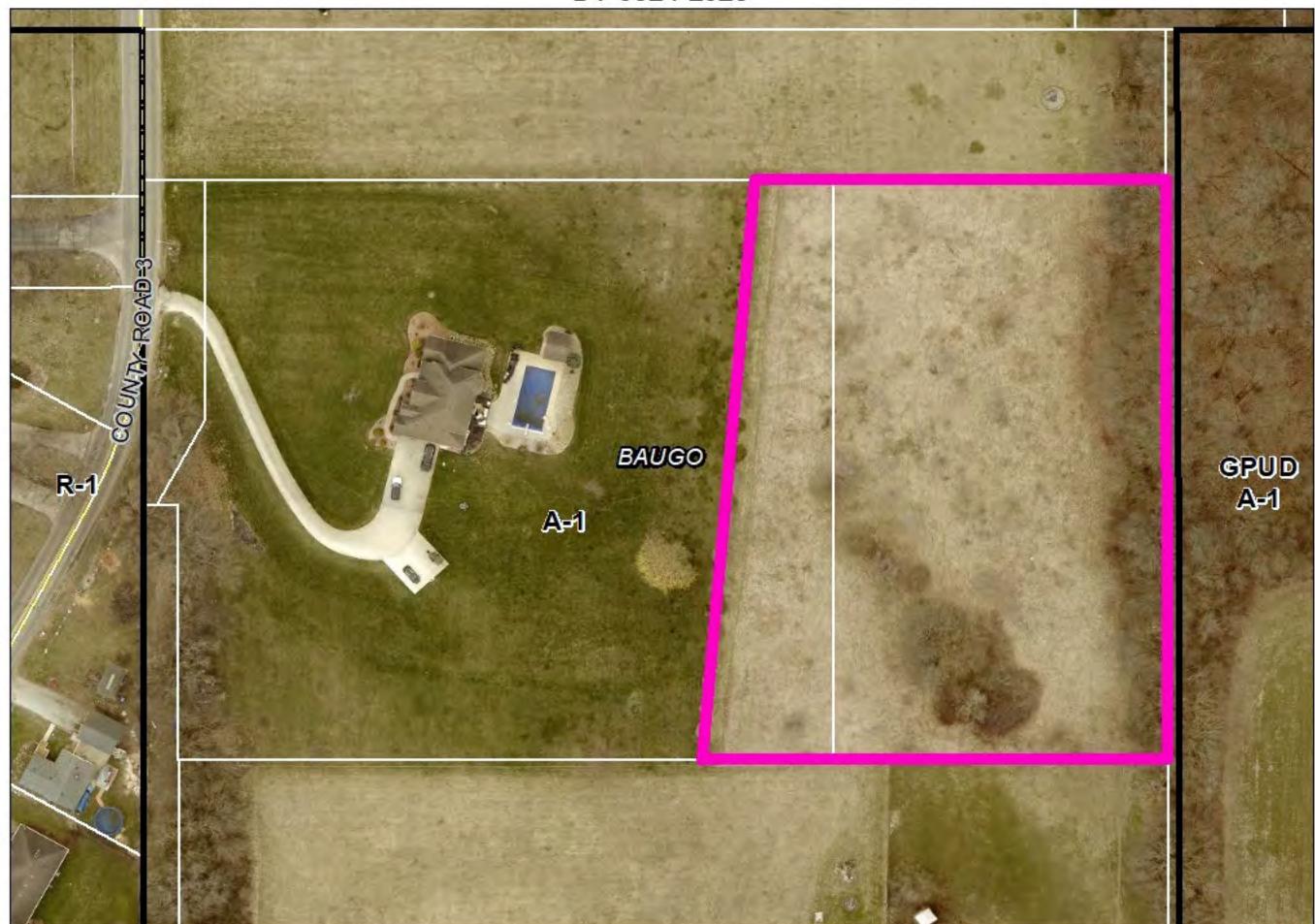
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Hearing Date: June 18, 2025

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 365 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. A new recorded deed showing just the subject parcel is required.
- 3. The request is approved in accordance with the site plan submitted (dated 5/12/2025) and as represented in the Developmental Variance application.

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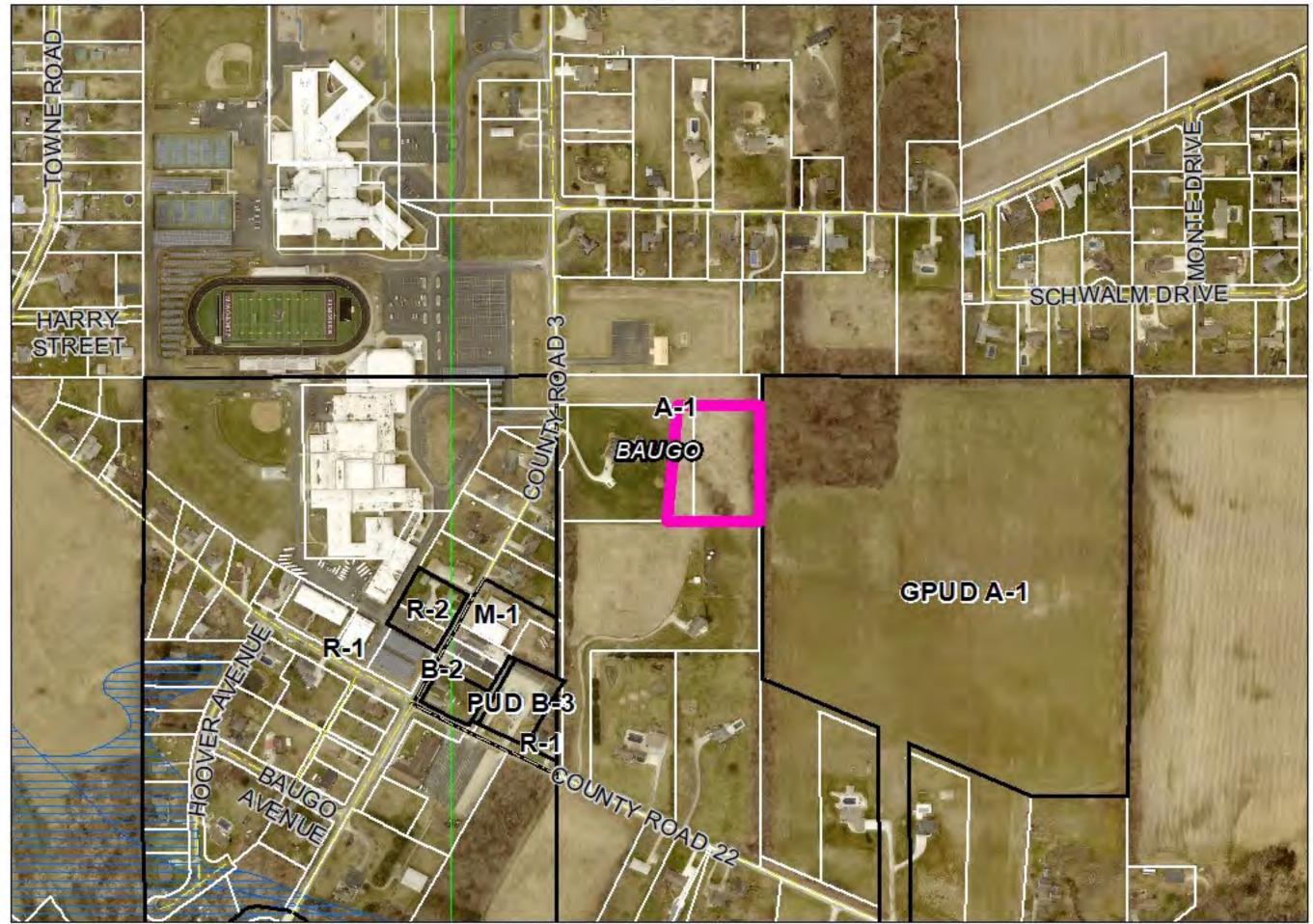
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Subject property



Facing south



Facing north



Facing west

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Developmental Variance - Developmental Variance			Fax - (574) 971-4578		
Date: 05/12/2025	Meeting Date:		e 18, 2025 Appeals Public Hearing	Transaction #:	DV-0324-2025
Description: for a Developmental served by an access e		the construction of	a residence on property v	vith no road frontage	,
Contacts: <u>Applicant</u> Lisa L. Thompson (Owner/Buyer) 59020 Cr 3 Elkhart, IN 46517			Land Owner Lisa L. Thompson (Owner/Buyer) 59020 Cr 3 Elkhart, IN 46517		
Site Address: 59020 County Road 3 Elkhart, IN 46517			Parcel Number:	20-05-25-101-018.000-001 20-05-25-101-019.000-001 20-05-25-101-025.000-001	
Township:BaugoLocation:East Side Of County	v Road 3, 915 ft. South	n Of County Road	24		
Subdivision: BAUGO BAYOU	I		Lot # 2		
Lot Area:	2.50 Frontage:	300.00		Depth:	386.00
Zoning: A-1			NPO List:		
Present Use of Property: VAC	ANT				
Legal Description:					
Legal Description: Comments: APPLICANT WAS ADIVSED A CONDITION WILL BE A DEED IN HER NAME SHOWING LOT 2. DV-0828-2021 - for a Developmental Variance to allow for the construction of a residence on property with no road frontage served by an access easement. DV-0045-2021 - for a Developmental Variance to allow for the construction of a residence on property with no road frontage served by an access easement. MI-0007-2021 - for primary approval of a 2-lot minor subdivision to be known as BAUGO BAYOU. MI-0169-2021 - for secondary approval of a 2-lot minor subdivision to be known as BAUGO BAYOU. FULL NAME: HAZEL A. WALTERS, TRUSTEE OF HAZEL ARNELL WALTERS REV TR (SELLER)					
Applicant Signature:			Department Signatu	ire:	

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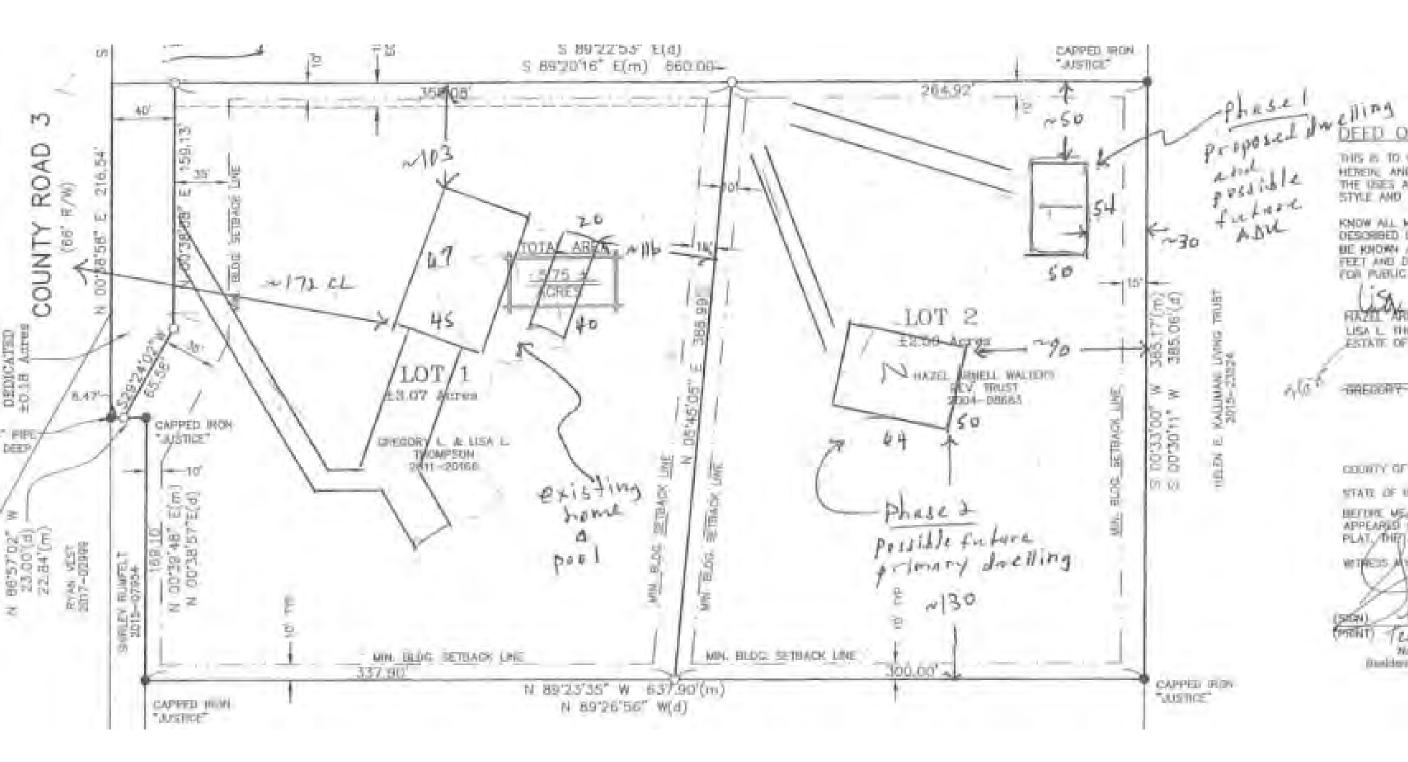
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Address:	59020 CR 3 Elikhart, IN 46517
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DATE: May 20, 2025

TO: Hearing Officer

FROM: Daniel Dean, Planner

SUBJECT: Extension of the period within which to obtain an improvement location permit

Ronnie Justice, on behalf of his client George Smucker, is requesting a 180-day extension of the period within which to obtain an improvement location permit.

The original request was for a Developmental Variance to allow for the construction of a residence on property with no road frontage served by an access easement on proposed parcels 2, 5 & 6.

The subject property is on the east side of CR 43, 2,065 ft. south of CR 34, in Clinton Township, zoned A-1.

The request was approved in December 2024, case number DV-0840-2024.

Attached are the extension request received on May 20, 2025, and the approved site plan.

Staff recommends approval of this extension request.

This staff item will be on the June 18, 2025, Hearing Officer agenda.

Danny Dean

From:	Ronnie Justice <ron@advancedlandsurveying.net></ron@advancedlandsurveying.net>
Sent:	Tuesday, May 20, 2025 9:29 AM
То:	H. Jason Auvil; Danielle Richards; Danny Dean
Subject:	Variance Extension for DV-0840-2024

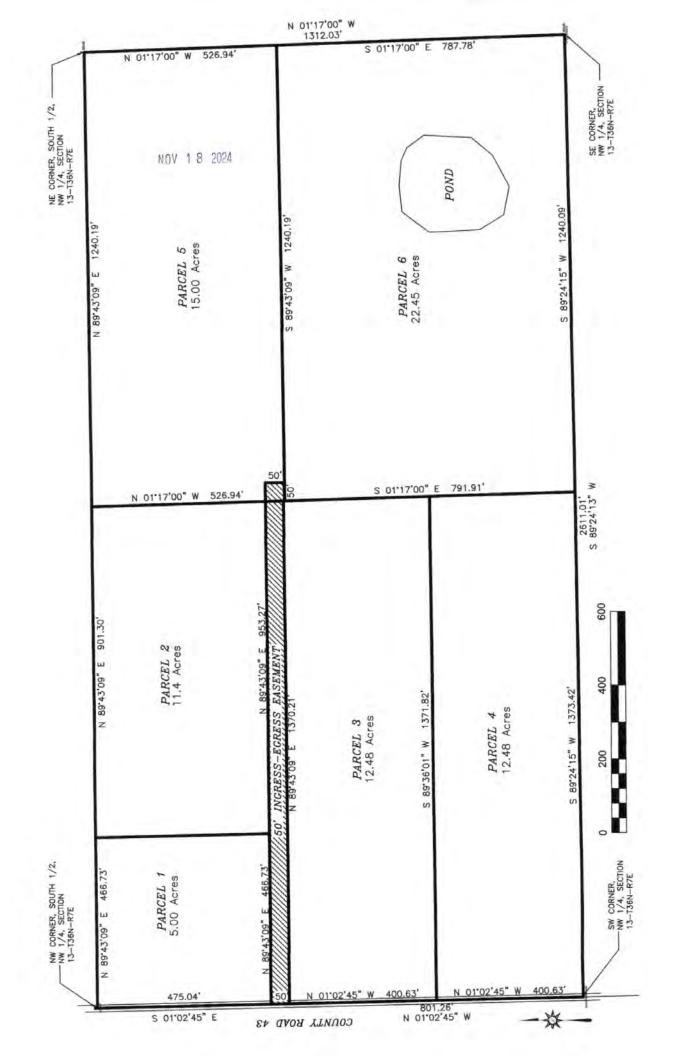
Caution! This message was sent from outside your organization.

To Whom it may concern,

On behalf of my client, I would like to ask for a 6 month extension for Transaction Number DV-0840-2024. Petitioner was George A. Smucker . This was approved December 18, 2024.

Thank You

Ronnie L. Justice PS 17120 County Road 46 New Paris, IN 46553 574 849-4728





RESULT LETTER

Case # DV-0840-2024

Grantor: George A. Smucker Date: June 5, 2025

Grantee: Elkhart County Advisory Board of Zoning Appeals

The following shall be referred to as "the Real Estate":

Street: 00000 CR 43, Goshen, IN 46526

Current Tax Code #: 20-12-13-100-002.000-007

You are hereby notified that the petition for a Developmental Variance to allow for the construction of a residence on property with no road frontage served by an access easement on proposed parcels 2, 5, & 6 on the Real Estate, presented and considered at the meeting of the Hearing Officer of the Elkhart County Advisory Board of Zoning Appeals on December 18, 2024, was acted upon as follows: **APPROVED** in accordance with the Staff Analysis with the following Findings and Conclusions of the Hearing Officer:

- 1. Approval of the request will not be injurious to public health, safety, morals, or general welfare. Easement access preserves public safety by avoiding a dense cluster of driveways.
- 2. Approval of the request will not cause substantial adverse effect on neighboring property. This is low-density development of large parcels (average of 13 acres each) in a lowdensity area, and single access will focus any new traffic away from existing development.
- 3. Strict application of the terms of the Development Ordinance would result in an unnecessary hardship in the use of the property. Division of a 76-acre tract into 6 large residential parcels does not necessitate new dedicated streets.

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The following conditions were 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 11/18/2024 and as represented in the Developmental Variance application.
- 3. A subdivision is required .

Deviation from said conditions may result in the Elkhart County Advisory Board of Zoning Appeals rescinding the approval or permit.

Note: Any order, requirement, decision or determination made by the Hearing Officer may be appealed to the Board of Zoning Appeals by any interested party who files the appeal within five business days of the respective order, requirement or determination.

Please note that if your request is approved, the Department of Planning and Development does not have the authority to issue a Building Permit for your request until the five business day appeal period ends and no property appeal has been filed.

H. Jason Auvil, Hearing Officer Elkhart County Board of Zoning Appeals

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