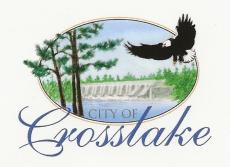
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# CITY OF CROSSLAKE PLANNING COMMISSION/BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT October 23, 2020 9:00 A.M.

Crosslake City Hall 13888 Daggett Bay Rd, Crosslake MN 56442 (218) 692-2689

# PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

**Applicant:** Brady J & Kimberly A Day

**Authorized Agent: N/A** 

Site Location: 37916 Forest Lodge Rd, Crosslake, MN 56442 on Rush Lake-GD

**After-the-Fact Variance for:** 

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**Notification:** Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Chapter 462, and the City of Crosslake Zoning Ordinance, you are hereby notified of a public hearing before the City of Crosslake Planning Commission/Board of Adjustment. Property owners have been notified according to MN State Statute 462 & published in the local newspaper. Please share this notice with any of your neighbors who may not have been notified by mail.

**Information:** Copies of the application and all maps, diagrams or documents are available at Crosslake City Hall or by contacting the Crosslake Planning & Zoning staff at 218-692-2689. Please submit your comments in writing including your name and mailing address to Crosslake City Hall or (crosslakepz@crosslake.net).



### STAFF REPORT

Property Owner/Applicant: Brady J & Kimberly A Day

Parcel Number(s): 14080610

Application Submitted: August 10, 2020

Action Deadline: October 9, 2020

City 60 Day Extension Letter sent/ Deadline: October 9, 2020 / December 8, 2020

Applicant Extension Received / Request: N/A / N/A

City Council Date: N/A

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**Current Zoning:** Shoreland District

# **Existing Impervious Coverage:**

**Proposed Impervious Coverage:** 

6.3%

7.0%

- A stormwater management plan was submitted with the after-the-fact variance application
- A compliant septic compliance inspection is on file dated 4-17-2020

### **Development Review Team Minutes held on 7-13-2020:**

- Property is located on Rush at 37916 Forest Lodge Rd with a setback of 75' lake & 30' bluff
- The WOAS is 12' x 20' in size and landscaping within the bluff setback area
- All setbacks shall be measured to the vertical side of the structure. No part of the structure, such as eaves, can overhang or reduce such setback by more than three feet (Sec. 26-308)
- If the eaves exceed 36" the setback and the impervious coverage shall be measured from the dripline
- Impervious maximum of 25% and if impervious exceeds 20% a Shoreline Rapid Assessment Model form will be completed (Sec. 26-518) or commissioners may condition it
- Design and implement a stormwater management plan (gutters, berm & rain gardens) to update any existing plan, which is required with all variance applications per Article 8, section 26-222, (2), l). When a wetland is being used the stormwater must be filtered to drinking standards before it can flow into any wetland
- A compliant septic compliance inspection is on filed dated 4-17-2020
- Wetland Delineation is a requirement for a variance or a no wetland statement/letter
- A grade and elevation illustration along with a cut and fill calculation is required for a complete variance application
- Discussion on application requirements, procedure, schedule and the requirements/need for a complete application packet by the deadline date; appeal process, special meeting process (apply by August 4<sup>th</sup>), refund procedure, ATF cost and the need for an site exhibit
- A Land Use Permit will be required prior to construction or updated to the current approval Property owner was informed that before they could be placed on a public hearing agenda the following information is required:
  - 1. A certificate of survey meeting the requirements outlined in Article 8, Sec. 26-222 of the City Land Use Ordinance
  - 2. Grade and Elevation illustration, along with the Cut and fill calculations
  - 3. Wetland delineation or a no wetland statement/letter
  - 4. Septic compliance is on file
  - 5. A complete Variance application with the \$500.00 public hearing fee

### **Parcel History:**

- August 1976 2-1000 gallon tanks
- November 1997 Upgrade septic
- May 1998 24x24 Garage
- August 1999 32x48 Main home with loft & walkout; 12x44 deck; 6x12 porch
- April 2020 Water-oriented accessory structure and dirt
- February 2005 Rip Rap 100'
- April 17, 2020 Compliance inspection
- September 2020 Variance 2010125V was heard and tabled

# **Agencies Notified and Responses Received:**

**County Highway Dept:** N/A

**DNR:** No comments were received as of 10-12-2020

City Engineer: N/A

**Lake Association:** No comments were received as of 10-12-2020

**Township:** N/A

**Crosslake Public Works:** No comments were received as of 10-12-2020

Crosslake Park, Recreation & Library: N/A

**Concerned Parties:** 

- September 20, 2020 Madison email opposed
- September 21, 2020 Wolff email opposed
- September 2020 Flanagan email with pictures opposed
- September 24, 2020 Day letter received at the on-site

# **POSSIBLE MOTION:**

To approve/table/deny the after-the-fact variance to allow:

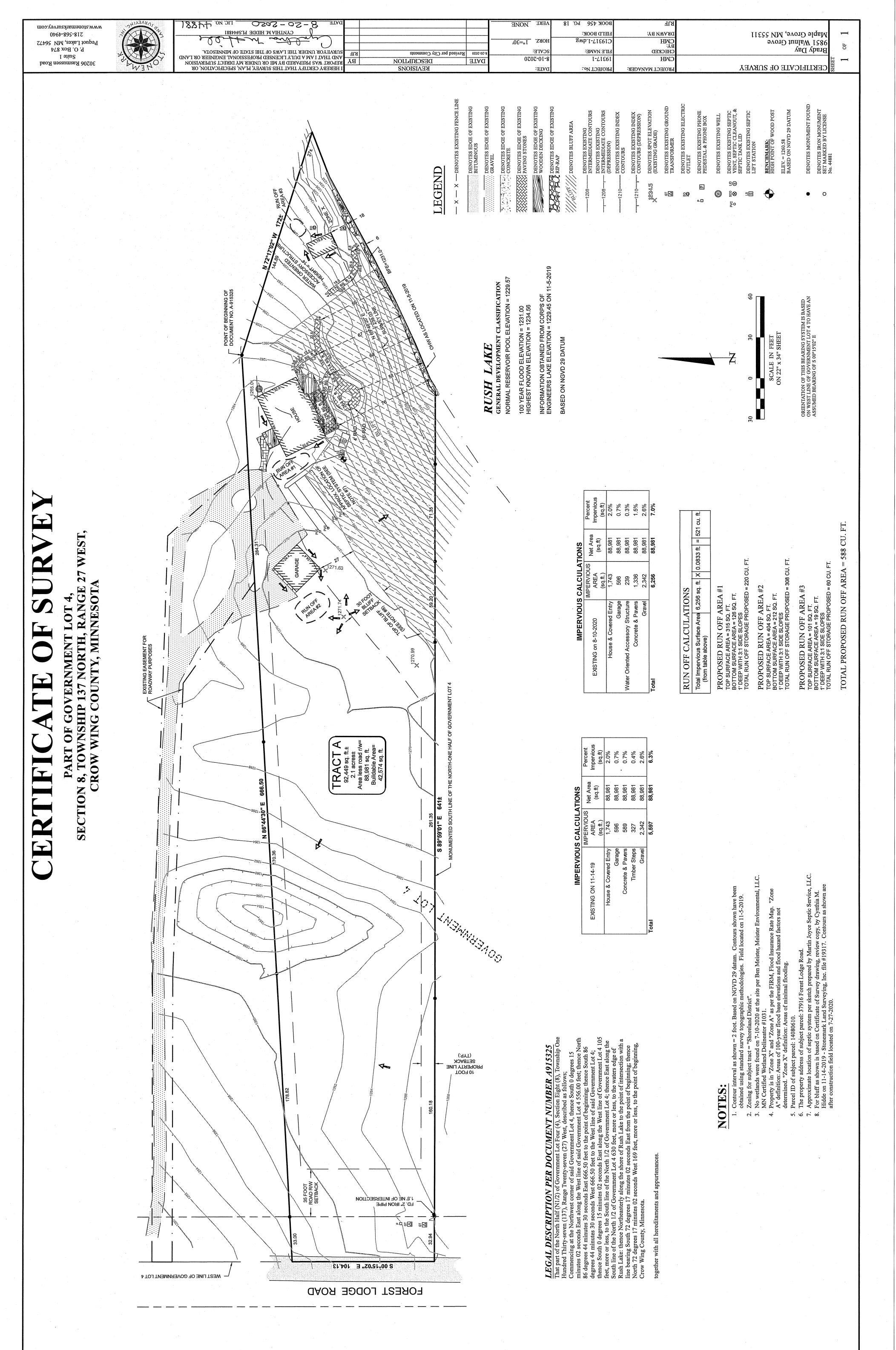
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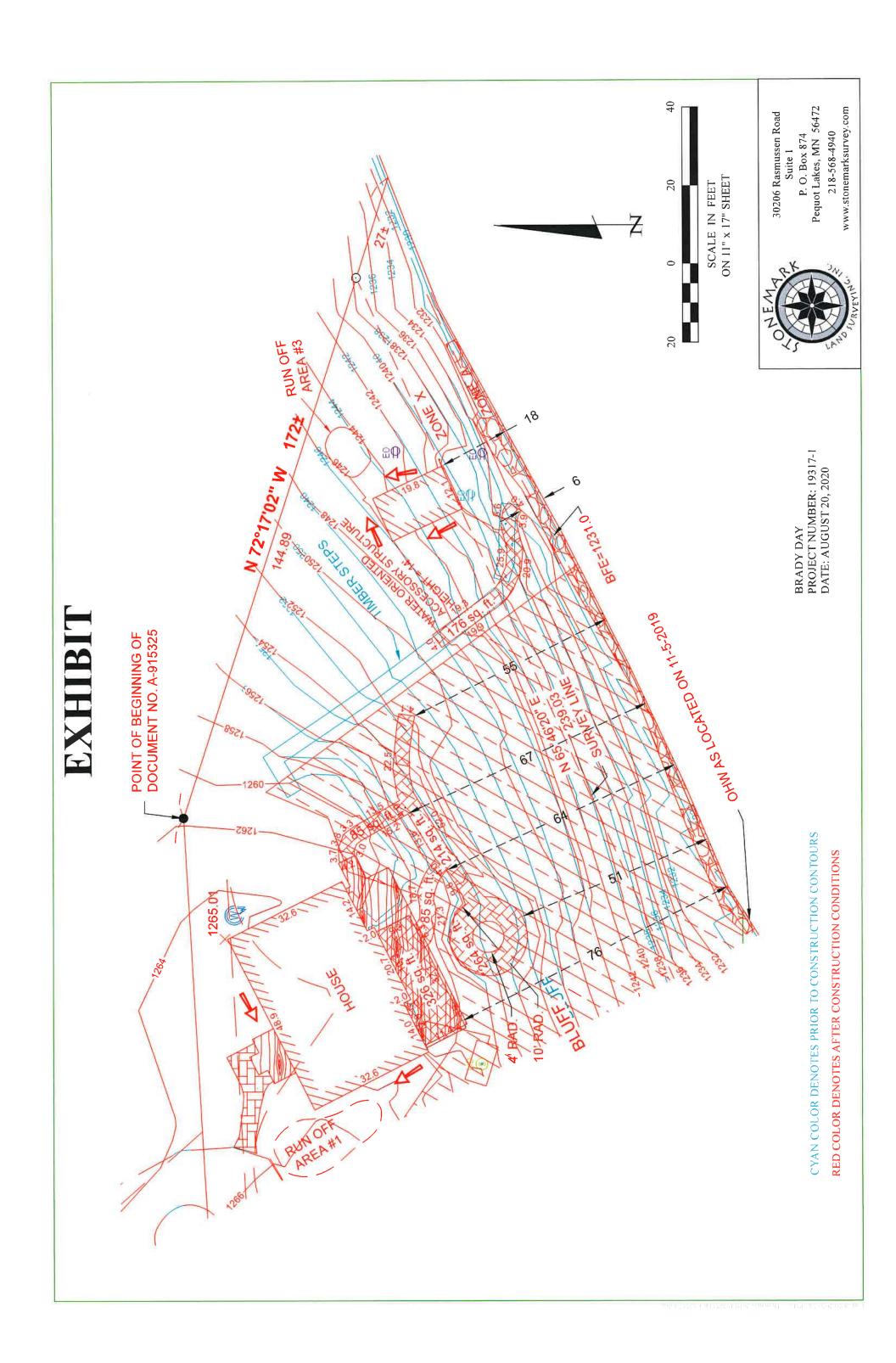
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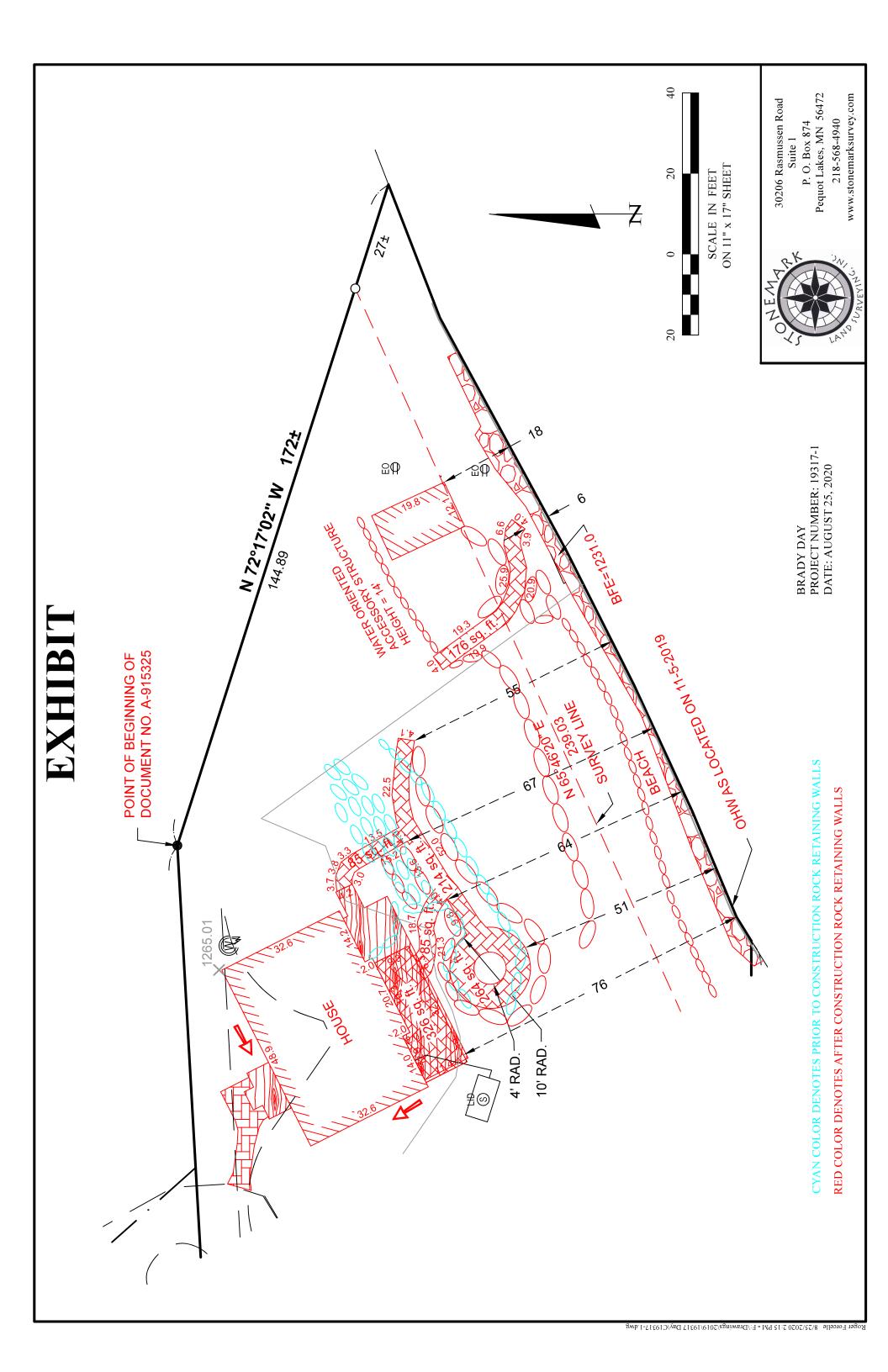
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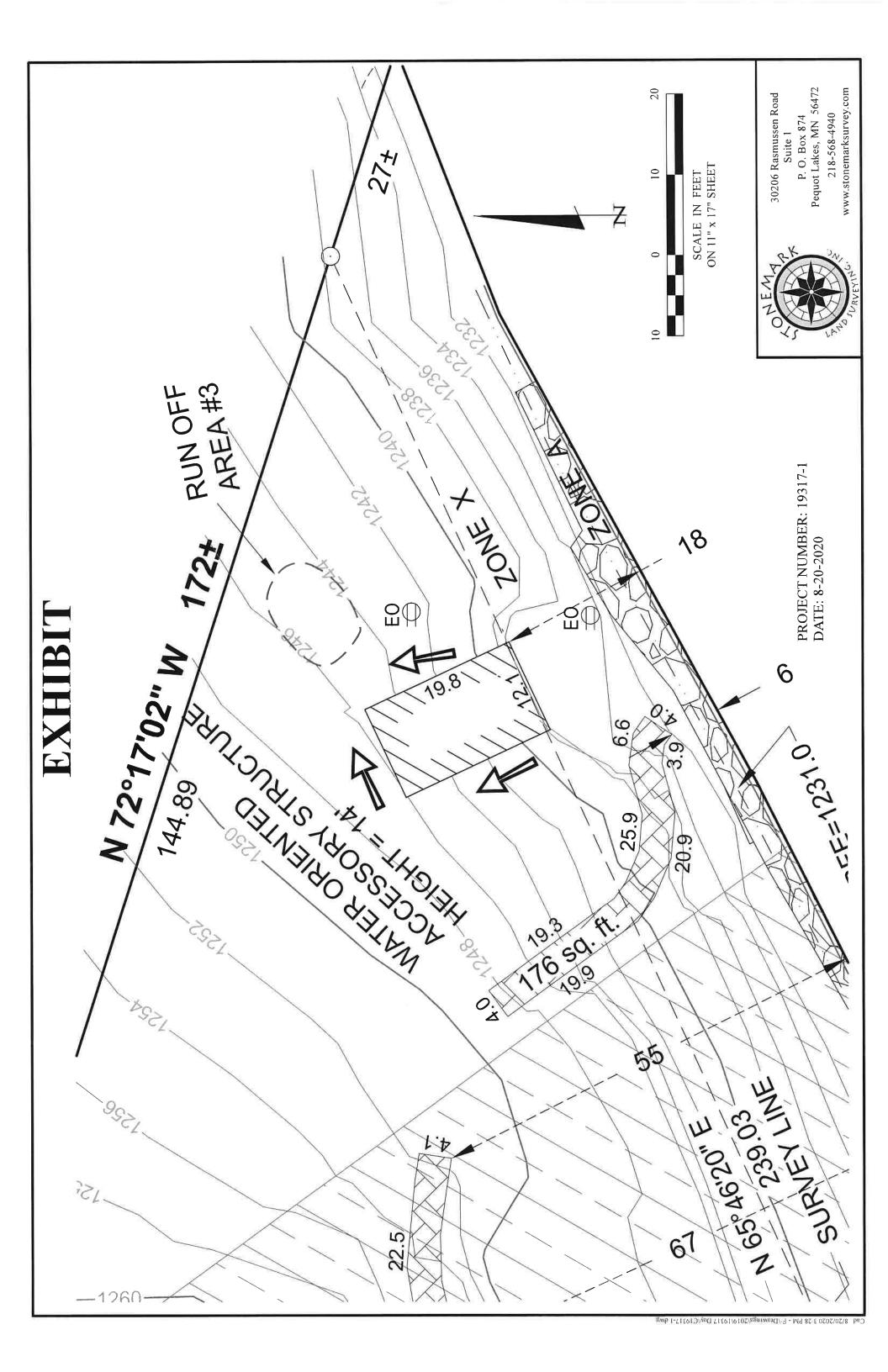
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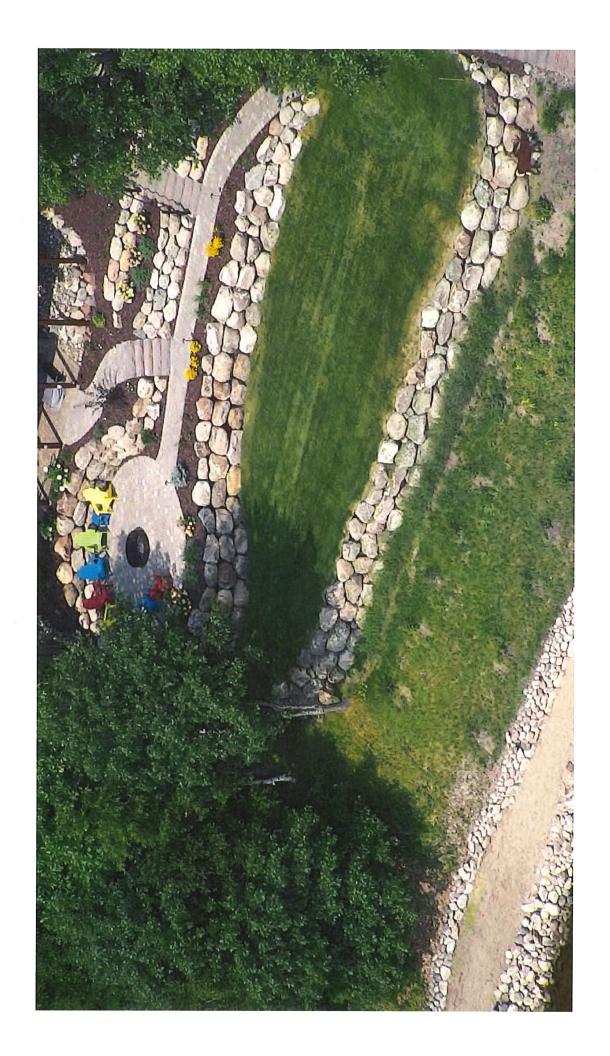






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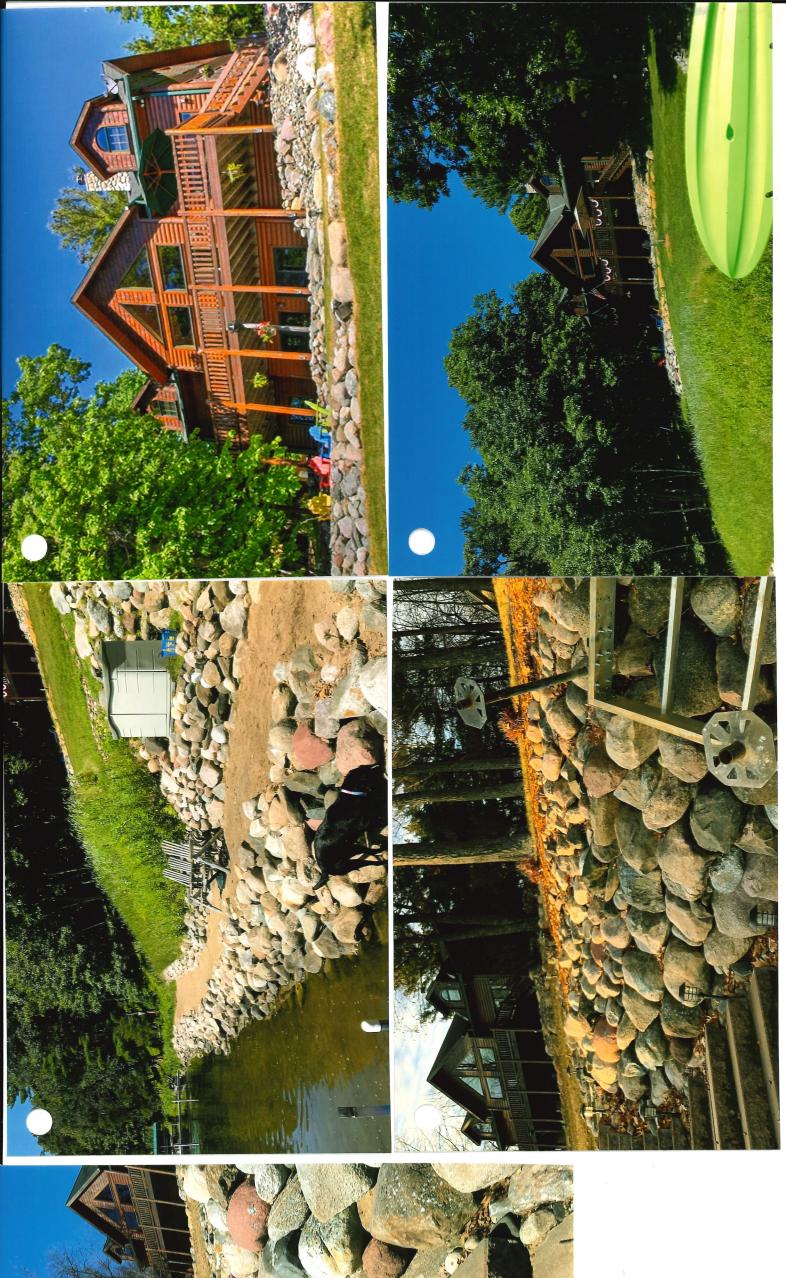


















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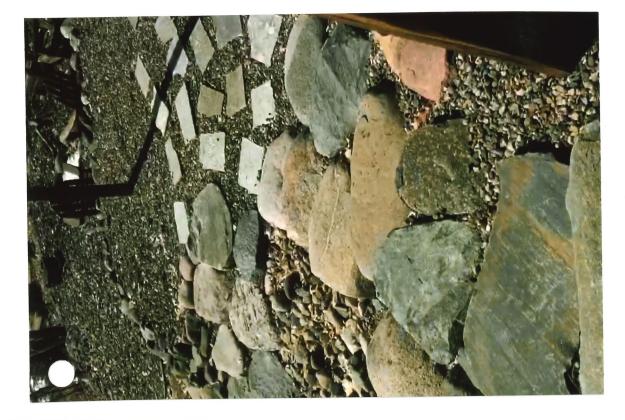


















### Timeline

- 4/23/2020 Completed Shoreland Alteration application received in Office
- 4/24/2020 Staff visited site and approved application, gave approved permit to Mrs.
   Day. The permit was specifically for a 120 sq ft WOAS MAX (see APPROVED Land Use Permit and Yellow card in window)
- 5/18/2020 received call from Builder that Footing Inspection would be needed on 5/20/2020 explained Staff would not be available on that day due to a medical appointment.
- 5/20/2020 Work began on site. Staff unable to conduct inspection due to medical appointment. Received text message from City Clerk asking if Day can start – answered 'Yes'
- 6/22/2020 visited site to check WOAS Issued STOP WORK ORDER on WOAS and BLUFF
- 6/25/2020 Day's submitted application for DRT
- 7/13/2020 DRT meeting
- 8/7/2020 Variance Application submitted

### List of violations

- 1. WOAS 239 sq ft where 120 is allowed
- 2. WOAS 18-ft from OHW where 20-ft is allowed
- 3. Replaced Stairs in SIZ 1 without permit
- 4. Dirt moving >10 cu yds in SIZ2 without permit
- 5. Dirt moving >50 cu yds in SIZ2 without CUP
- 6. Dirt Moving in Bluff without Variance
- 7. Patio installation in Bluff without Variance
- 8. Patio installation in Bluff without permit
- 9. Walkway installation in bluff without Variance
- 10. Walkway installation in bluff without permit
- 11. Retaining walls in bluff without Variance
- 12. Retaining walls in bluff without permit
- 13. Retaining walls exceed 4-ft high, without engineered plan.

Whether or not a footing inspection can be accomplished it is ultimately the Property owner's responsibility to ensure they are following the Land Use Ordinance and the permit that was issued.

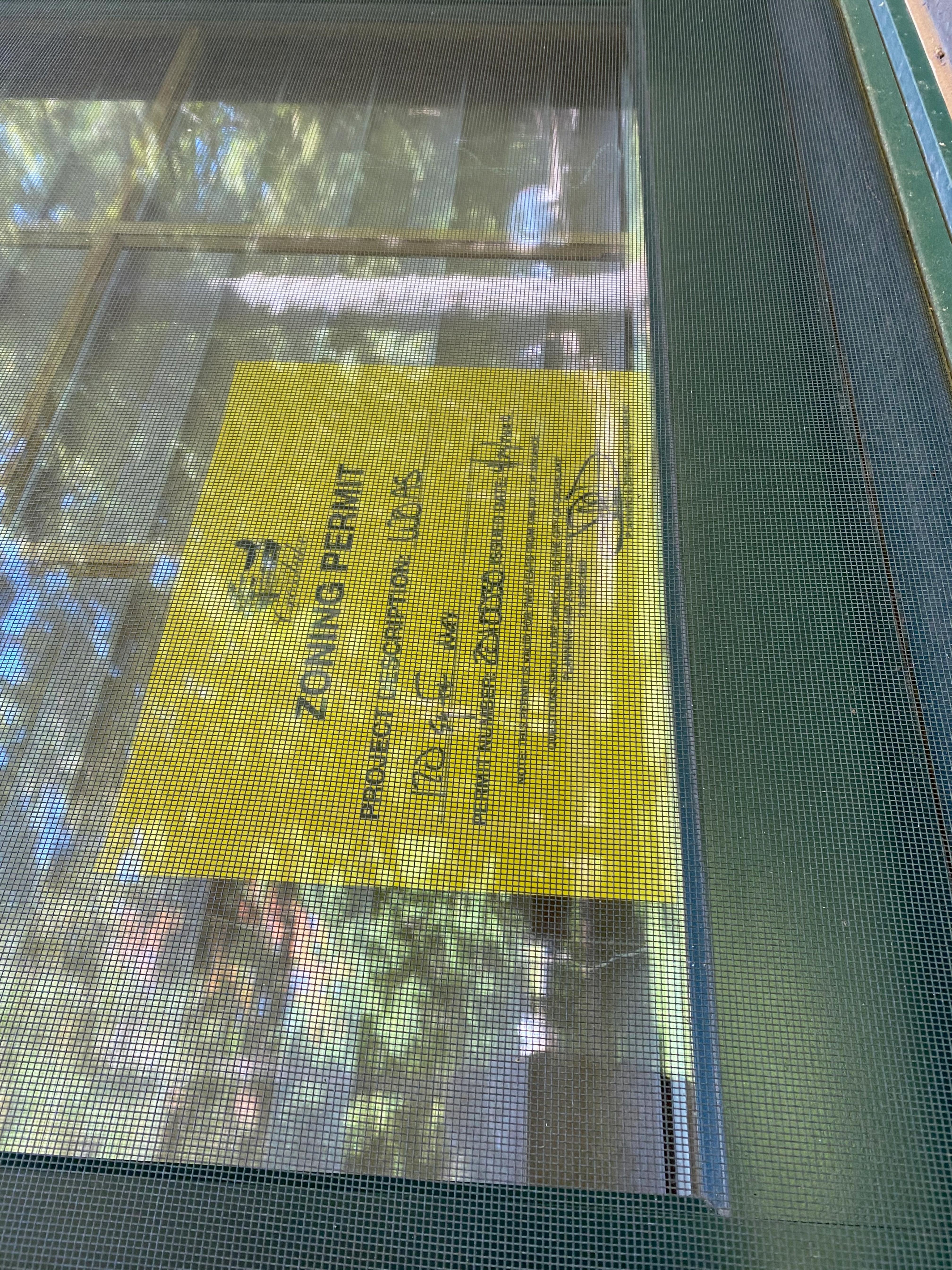
### PC/BOA courses of action

- 1. Approve the After-the-Fact variance and allow everything they have done to remain and be used.
- 2. Require the WOAS to meet the size limit of 120 sq ft and the 20-ft setback from the OHW.
- 3. Remove the new firepit patio and walkways.
- 4. Vegetate the bluff area with woody vegetation covering 85% of the ground area,
- 5. Make the bluff area a no-mow area from the top to the bottom of the bluff.

- 6. Restoration of the bluff would not be necessary as it may cause erosion issues. Require area to remain vegetated and a no-mow/no-go area in perpetuity.
- 7. Require an independent engineer review the bluff area to assess the retaining wall(s) integrity and develop a Stormwater Management Plan for the lakeside of the property (house to OHW). This would include the bluff area and the area around the WOAS specifically taking into account the retaining walls alongside of the WOAS.
- 8. Some combination of #1 through 7 above.
- 9. Require WOAS reduction, engineered SWMP and restoration/vegetation of bluff to occur no later than **10/31/2020**.
- 10. Require payment of any fines assessed for the violation by 10/31/2020.

# **Potential Fines discussed with City Attorney**

- 1. Enforcement of the Administrative fines from the day work began on 5/20/2020 thru 10/31/2020 (Restoration)
  - $(13 \text{ violations } \times 164 \text{ days } \times \$75 = \$159,900)$
- 2. Enforcement of the Administrative fines from the day work began on 5/20/2020 thru 6/22/2020 (Stop work date)
  - (13 violations x 29 days x \$75 = \$28,275)



# **Black Rock Landscaping LLC**

# Landscape & design

# **Brady and Kim Day**

# Material List: Inside Bluff

- 6 yards of small rip-rap removed
- 60 yards of boulders brought in and installed
- 9 yards of crushed rock for paver patio base installed
- 6-7 yards of black dirt installed

# Material List: Outside Bluff

- 17-18 yards of black dirt installed
- 6-8 yards of 2-4 inch rock installed

# **Black Rock Landscaping LLC**

# Mark Kossan

10851 65th Ave SW

Motley, MN 56466

Phone: (218)-839-5378

Email: markkossan@yahoo.com

Web: blackrocklandscaping.org

# Crosslake

# SHORELAND/LAND ALTERATION PERMIT APPLICATION

Planning and Zoning Department 37028 Co Rd 66, Crosslake, MN 56442 218.692.2689 (phone) 218.692.2687 (fax) Email – crosslakepz@crosslake.net

1. Shoreland/land alteration permits are valid for two (2) years.

2.	All corners of the proposed structure(s) and property lines need to be staked with visible flags, ribbon, or lathes prior to onsite inspection by the City of Crosslake. Staff highly recommends that the owner retain a licensed surveyor to mark these lines. If the owner chooses to mark without a survey, Staff approval will not confirm these lines. In other words, if a subsequent survey confirms that the lines were improperly marked, you may need to move a structure or buy land from your neighbor to correct the encroachment
3.	It shall be a violation of the City of Crosslake Land Use Ordinance to commence construction before the permit application is approved by the City of Crosslake Initials
4.	The applicant or authorized agent may make application for a shoreland/land alteration permit agreeing to do such work in accordance with all City of Crosslake Ordinances. The applicant or authorized agent agrees that the application, site plan, and other attachments submitted herewith and which are approved by the City of Crosslake are true and accurate. The applicant or authorized agent agrees that, in making application for a shoreland/land alteration permit, the property owner grants permission to the City of Crosslake, at reasonable times, to enter the property to determine compliance of the application with applicable local, county or state ordinances or statutes. It is the applicant's sole responsibility to contact other local, county or state agencies to ensure the applicant has complied with all relevant local, county or state ordinances or statutes; with Minnesota Statutes 2015, section 216D.03 to 216D-07 attached. Contact the MNDNR for any activity and/or material occurring below the OHW. All construction associated with an approved permit shall be compliant with Minnesota Statutes 326B.121 – State Building Code; Application and Enforcement
5.	Please submit the following information with the application:
	<ul> <li>Property owner signature</li> <li>Property owner phone number</li> </ul>
	Site sketch showing all setbacks     Impervious Surface & Stormwater worksheet

- 6. All properties within the Shoreland District with an impervious surface cover percentage over 15% will be required to submit a stormwater management plan pursuant to Article 11; Sec. 26-309 of the Land Use Ordinance.
- 7. After a complete application is submitted, an on-site inspection is conducted and the application is reviewed, a permit may be issued describing the proposed construction that may take place on the property.

I have read and fully understand the above information. The information provided in this application is true and correct.

Applicant Signature

3/3//2020 Date

When the application and all accompanying plans have been completed, please mail or deliver in person to the City of Crosslake Planning and Zoning, 37028 Co Rd 66, Crosslake, MN 56442. The appropriate fee must accompany all applications. Please make the check payable to the City of Crosslake.

Parcel ID: 14080610 DAY, BRADY J & KIMBERLY A

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Assessment Year: Pay Year:

2020 2021

Property Address:

37916 FOREST LODGE RD

City:

CROSS LAKE

State:

MN

Zip: Multiple Addresses: 56442

Legacy Parcel ID:

No

120082204LB0009

Market NBHD: Class:

14\_RSL - CROSSLAKE RES&SEAS LAKESHORE 151 - 4C(12) SEASONAL RESIDENTIAL RECREATION

Lake:

18031100 - RUSH

Deeded Acres:

1.71

Plat

Lot: Block:

Section-Twp-Range:

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Tax District: Town/City:

School District: Fire District: Rural Service Watershed:

Sewer District: Hospital: HRA:

Commissioner District:

TIF Project#:

# Values

Tax Market Value: Estimated Market Value: Ref Market Value:

889,400 889,400

TIF Tax Capacity: Tax Capacity: State Tax Capacity:

New Construction Value:

0 0 9,868 9,412

### Parcel Status

In Forfeiture:

No

Escrow Company: ACH:

No No

Delinquent Homestead

N - Non-Homestead

Relative

### Legal

### Plat Name:

PT OF N1/2 OF GL 4 DESC: COMM AT NW COR OF SD GL 4 THEN S 15'2" E ALG W LINE OF SD GL 4 556 FT THEN N 86D 44'30" E 666.5 FT TO POB THEN S 86D 44'30" W 666.5 FT TO W LINE OF SD GL 4 THEN S 15'2" E ALG W LINE OF GL 4 105 FT MOL TO S LINE OF N1/2 OF GL 4 THEN E ALG S LINE OF N1/2 OF GL 4 630 FT MOL TO WATERS EDGE OF RUSH LAKE THEN NE'LY ALG SHORE OF RUSH LAKE TO POINT OF INTER WITH A LINE BEAR S 72D 17'2" E FROM POB THEN N 72D 17'2" W 169 FT MOL TO POB. TOGETHER WITH THOSE ESMNTS CREATED BY DOC IN BK 262 OF MORTGAGES PG 739

### Sales

03/01/2019

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Sale Date	Price

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Grantor/Seller Grantee/Buyer

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# Lot Impervious Surface Coverage & Landscaping for Stormwater Worksheet

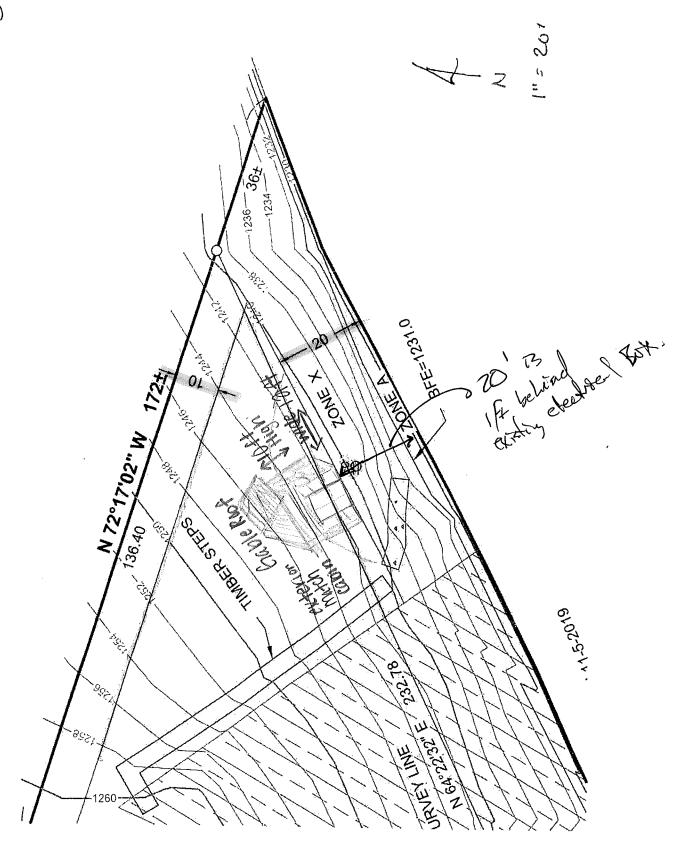
Please use the table below to calculate your impervious surface coverage. Impervious coverage is limited to 25% of the total lot area. Calculate out all that apply to your situation. If a structure has odd dimensions or if using to size stormwater basins, multiple rows / sheets may be needed. If total imp. of irregular structure or driveway is known, just multiply by 1.

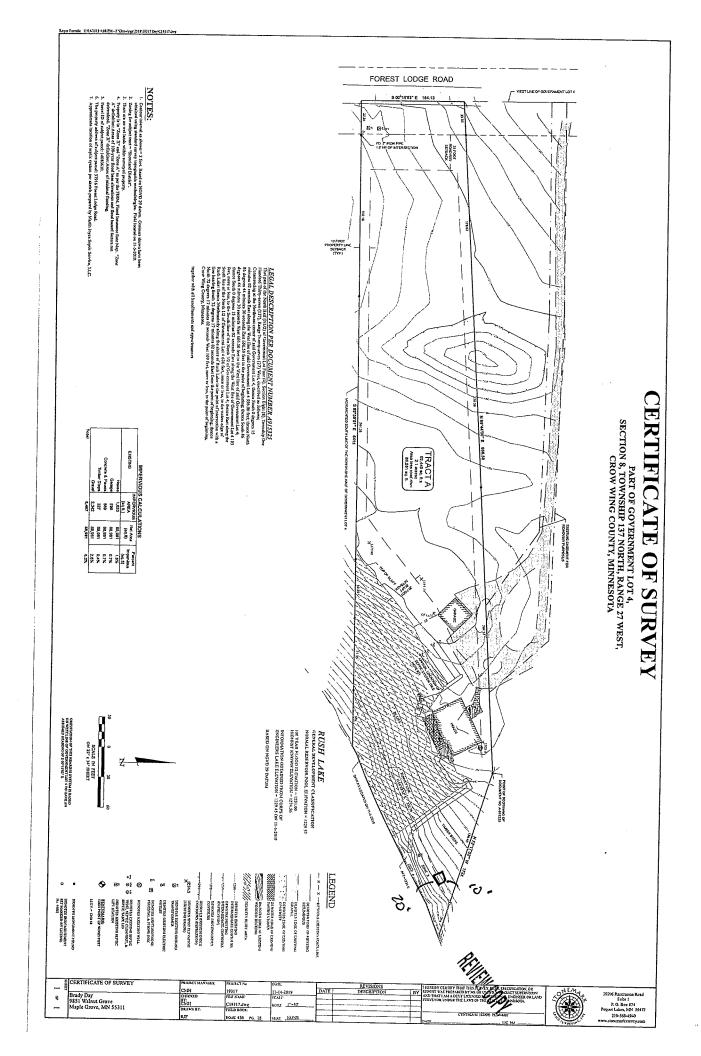
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House, garage, shed	(ft)	Х	(ft)	=	596 (sq ft)	
Boathouse Greenhouse	(ft)	Χ	(ft)	=	0 (sq ft)	
Other (Dog Kennel, etc.)	(ft)	Χ	(ft)	=	0 (sq ft)	
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Driveways* & Landscaping:	1200-1					
	(ft)	Χ	(ft)	=	589 (sq ft)	
Driveway*, Parking Area, Apron, Boat Ramp, Sidewalk,	(ft)	Χ	(ft)	=	327 (sq ft)	
Patio, Paving Stones,	(ft)	Χ	(ft)	=	2342 (sq ft)	
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			Total existing Impervious	=	5487 (sq ft)	
Total Lot Area (sq. ft.) = 89,98	2 (		Total w/new Impervious	=	9607 (sq ft)	
Total Lot Area (sq. 1t.) - 01, 16	<b>5</b>		% existing impervious	=	6.2 %	
			% w/new impervious	=	6.5 %	

# Simple Calculator for Approximating Size of Stormwater Practice & Amount of Phosphorus Reduction:

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October 9, 2020

Brady J. & Kimberly A. Day 9851 Walnut Grove Ln N Maple Grove, MN 55311

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Day:

Pursuant to MN State Statute Section 15.99 and Sec. 26-74 of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Crosslake, the purpose of this letter is to inform you that our office is extending the 60 day deadline for Agency action up to an additional 60 days, no later than December 8, 2020. The purpose of the extension is to allow the property owner time to address the Planning Commission/Board of Adjustment's concerns and to make revisions to their proposed plan.

Thank you for your cooperation and flexibility. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Jon R. Kolstad Planning and Zoning Administrator (218) 692-2689 jkolstad@crosslake.net

### **Crosslake PZ**

From:

Scott Madison <cabinonrush@gmail.com>

Sent:

Sunday, September 20, 2020 9:19 PM

To:

crosslakepz@crosslake.net

Subject:

Day After-the-Fact variance at 37916 Forest Lodge Rd

From:

Scott Madison

12865 Anchor Pt Rd

The fact that eight after the fact variances were requested speaks volumes as to why they should all be denied. Allowance of these will set a precedent encouraging others to try to do likewise. Looking down Rush Lake, this is one of two properties that negatively stand out from the natural looking shoreline. A building twice the allowed size and too close to the lake as well as a clear cut, hardscaped, and altered bluff is not what is good for the Lake nor aesthetically pleasing from the water. An argument will probably be made that making all of this compliant will not be environmentally friendly to the lake. However, viable solutions exist with plantings to return this to its original state. A compliant shoreline accessory building is allowed, bluff alterations are not.

To: Crosslake Planning and Zoning Committee

This letter is about the After-the-Fact Variance for the property located at 37916 Forest Lodge Road, owners Brady and Kimberly Day.

As homeowners in the Crosslake area, we feel it is critical for the Planning and Zoning committee to consistently and accurately interpret the laws and regulations to maintain and preserve the lakes, shoreline and properties that make this area so special. We see several examples of violations of the building and shore restoration codes that negatively impact the long-term beauty and recreational viability of the lake system. The Day project is a recent example of going far beyond what should be allowed as property owners on this lake system.

We believe the only way to deter these ongoing violations would be to insist the property owners restore the land to its original structure. Minimal fines are not a deterrent to many homeowners here with deep pockets. This creates inequity across home owners on this lake system and ultimately, if we all do not do our part to protect and secure the integrity and beauty of this special area, we all lose out, on our property values, the pristine nature of the lakes themselves, and the future generations use of the Whitefish Chain and business viability of the city Crosslake, itself.

We recommend the Planning and Zoning Committee bring in any additional governing entities (such as the DNR) needed to protect both the water and the shoreline when these clear violations occur to assure the laws and rules to protect our waters and properties is upheld.

Thank you for your consideration.

Shelly and David Wolff 37784 Forest Lodge Road Crosslake, MN

## To: Crosslake Planning and Zoning

I am writing in reference to a After-the Fact Variance for the property located at 37916 Forest Lodge Road, owned by Brady and Kimberly Day.

Our property is located at 37808 Forest Lodge Road, 2 properties to the south/west of the property in question. Our property is on a bluff that is in alignment with the bluff the Day's property also sits on.

We have concern that the major disruption of the bluff with the very large water-oriented accessory structure and the additional removal of natural native plants and addition of large boulders, patio, fire pit patio and walkways had disrupted and potentially damaged the bluff. We have concern that once erosion starts on the bluff, the bank instability at the Day's property can affect the intrinsic structure of the bluff and cause erosion that could potentially create a landslide extending to our property.

A secondary concern is the runoff from the property into the lake, the property owners have added nonnative grass and boulders and the runoff goes directly into the lake. The runoff likely contains fertilizer
and other contaminants. Due to the increase of phosphorus in the lakes, we have seen a marked
increase in the amount of lake weeds in our dock area which gums up our boat lift and has virtually
rendered our shoreline unusable for swimming. Runoff from developed shorelines creates and
exacerbates this issue. We have been unable to keep our dock area free from weed growth the last 2
seasons and this season have seen a major increase in weed chop. We choose not to treat our
lakeshore as this contributes to an unhealthy lake. Due to the fact we are south of the property and
located in a channel behind a bog, we also do not have the advantage of lake wave action to move the
chop along.

We would ask that Crosslake Planning and Zoning require the property owners to restore the native plantings on the bluff to ensure that proper erosion prevention methods are taken. We would ask that the property owners not be required to remove their structure, but should have to pay a commensurate fine for willfully overreaching and disregarding the bluff impact zone and lake/land use ordinances.

Permitting an After-the Fact variance for this property without properly correcting the abuses will lead to further issues with landowners taking steps to avoid variances. With other properties along Rush Lake being torn down and replaced and owners wanting to improve their properties, it is vitally important that we protect the lake and land for our future.

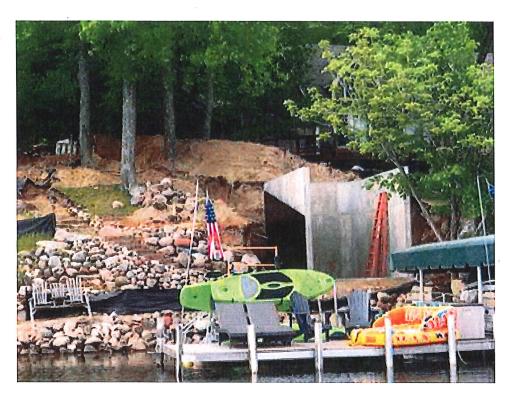
Finally, we ask this in the spirit of preserving the lake for future generations not as a device to block others land enjoyment. Rush Lake is all of ours to protect and enjoy.

Please see attached pictures for reference.

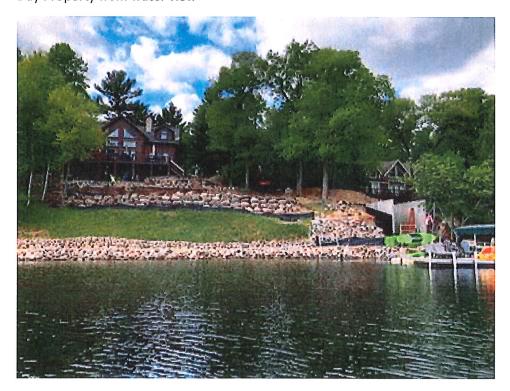
Thank You,

Shaun and Camille Flanagan

37808 Forest Lodge Road, Crosslake, MN 56442



Day Property from water view



Wider view of Day Property from water



Flanagan Bluff from top view

Thank you for taking time to walk through our property. We would like to reiterate and make very clear that it was never our intention to evade the City of Crosslake's shoreline/bluff & WOAS ordinances. When we created a plan, we envisioned making changes to improve the function, and safety of our property as we had several deteriorating landscape structures that needed to be addressed. The safety of our 3 children and of our aging parents were top of mind, as well as how the replacements & additions would impact the surrounding environment. We attempted to use Crosslake contractors but had no luck in securing their help in a timely manner as all were extremely busy. We then found outside contractors that worked in the Brainerd Lakes area and were familiar with working on lake properties in Crow Wing County. This was our 1st major project as a new lake homeowner and when we hired our licensed contractors, we believed that all the work they would complete would be done correctly. We applied for the permit for the water orientated storage structure on March 31st at the height of the unprecedented state shutdown & quarantine where businesses were not operating as usual and city officials were working from home. We acknowledge that we were naïve to the additional permits for work occurring in the bluff area and the communication errors of placement and size of the WOAS.

- Replaced existing rotting & deteriorating timber steps with stone steps reducing the total number of steps to the shoreline.
- Replaced existing uneven, settled stone boulder steps to fire pit area with stone steps
- Replaced unsafe sinking boulder walls around fire pit area. Replaced rocks with pavers to
  prevent continual spillage of rock into mowed areas and to create a safer space around our fire
  pit.
- Replaced rock beds with mulch beds and added mulch borders with a variety of plants for improved drainage.
- Replaced cracked & broken flagstone, grass and rock walkway with a paver pathway.
- Added a boulder wall to the edge of the bluff to prevent further deterioration and wash out.
- There has always been an existing mowed grass area on the top of the bluff that met up to natural grass area on the side of bluff that experienced wash out down to the shoreline.
- Added additional vegetative buffers that will grow deep strong roots to the side of bluff for added soil stability & to improved drainage.
- Added lighting for safety and security
- Added railings for safety
- WOAS was added to make our property more useful and convenient
- With the addition of the WOAS, replacements and new paver pathway that was completed the impervious surfaces calculation of our property changed by only 0.70% from a total of 6.3% to 7.0%

# Remaining planned work that was halted

- Rainwater management with gutters & rain barrel to the WOAS and runoff holding areas.
- Additional boulders and plantings with to side of bluff to further stabilize the bluff and manage runoff.

Since the issues were brought to our attention, by the city on June 22nd, this has been a source of huge stress to our family as we have invested a lot of time, money & emotion into the project. It is our strong belief that we have only improved our property for our family's use & the lakeshore sustainability. We see no harm being done to the lakeshore or the city of Crosslake. It is our long-term plan to retire here and create a home that is a legacy for our children & future grandchildren. We want this property to be the place that is safe for everyone to gather & enjoy the beauty of Crosslake and the Whitefish Chain. Thank you for your consideration, Brady & Kim Day



ATF Variance Application
Planning and Zoning Department
37028 County Rd 66, Crosslake, MN 56442
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Receipt Number: 99334	Permit Number: 2010125 V
Property Owner(s): Brady & Lumber ly And	:
Mailing Address: 9861 Walnut Enve Ln N maple Gnve, 563	<u>Variances</u> (Check applicable requests)
Site Address: 31910 Forest wage Rd.	Lake/River Setback Water oriented accessory structure at 18'
Phone Number: <u>VIA - 581 - 3955</u>	where 20' is allowed Road Right-of-Way Setback
E-Mail Address: Kimberlygdaye Notmail.com  Parcel Number(s): 1408 0010	Dirt moving, patios, walkways, firepit, and retaining walls
•	☐ Side Yard Setback
Legal Description: See Survey That pt of N1/2 of G	↓ 4   □   Wetland Setback
Sec Twp_ 137 Rge_ 26 /(27)/ 28	☐ Septic Tank Setback
Lake/River Name: RUSh Lake - 1803110	☐ Septic Drainfield Setback
Do you own land adjacent to this parcel(s)? Yes No	☐ Impervious Coverage
If yes list Parcel Number(s)	MAGIZ ONTANTED  Accessory Structure GEZE
Authorized Agent: None	239 sf where one 120 sf is allowed  Building Height
Agent Address:	☐ Patio Size
Agent Phone Number:	
Signature of Property Owner(s)	Date 8/1/20
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- 1. Yes. Although the water orientated storage structure (WOSS) is larger than the current ordinance allows it is consistent with the look, use, and the setback requirements.
- 2. Yes. The overall property improvements are in line with other lakeshore properties located within the city of Crosslake and improve visual appeal and use to the property while protecting the environment and the lakeshore of Rush Lake.
- 3. Yes. We acknowledge that the existing WOSS was mistakenly made larger (240 sq. ft.) than the ordinance (120 sq. ft.) allows. It is, however over 20 feet back from the water and over 10 feet back from neighboring property lines. It does not impose any sight line issues for our neighbors and they are happy with the property improvements we have made. The larger structure as is, is not negatively impacting another property owner, Rush Lake or the city of Crosslake.
- 4. Yes. The results of the landscaping to the bluff have improved drainage and our erosion issues and concerns. The lakeside and shoreline now has substantially more vegetation and soft scape to enhance the look and function of the property. There was no dirt removed from the bluff. There was an additional 6-7 yards of black dirt that was brought in and spread throughout the property. The WOSS was designed and built into the side of the hill to blend in with the surrounding area while adding accessible storage for our personal use.
- 5. No. We acknowledge that we made mistakes as property owners.
- 6. Yes. We believe added demolition of the structure and bluff areas would have a negative environmental impact. The additional earth moving work would require the use of heavy construction vehicles and excavators resulting in potential further damage to surrounding areas and shore line. This work could possibly result in bluff damage, as the bluff is now secure. The process would also create noise pollution to our neighbors and in the neighboring areas of the lakeshore.
- 7. Yes. See question 8 for details.
- 8. Yes. We applied for the permit during an unprecedented time of Covid 19 shutdown and Crosslake city employees working from home. We were in all honesty naïve about the existing ordinances in regards to bluffs and what was to be required of the property owner. We did not due our due diligence as property owners and for that we are sorry and humbled. We wrongly believed that our contactors were aware of and in compliance with local regulations and ordinances. We were not made aware that the planned landscaping project repairs and improvements were not allowed in the bluff areas per our landscaping contractor. Our contractor with Black Rock Landscaping had extensively worked in the Crow Wing County area and told us we did not need a permit for the work we were doing.

We applied for the (WOSS) permit in good faith knowing that the project would be inspected before, during and at completion. We had miscommunication

with our general contractor Brett Jans, of Timberwood Construction on structure size and we own this mistake. The city inspector approved the staked out area and issued our permit on 4/24. The stakes were never altered or changed in any way by our contractor or us. As the construction progressed our contactor called the city of Crosslake on 5/18 to ensure he had approval to pour and make sure someone would be out to inspect the property. He again called the city 2 times on 5/20, on that day Brett Jans spoke with a woman at the city offices and he states that he received verbal approval to pour the concrete for the structure (to be clear it was his understanding that Ion with the city had inspected the size of structure and gave approval to pour the concrete) We believe that under normal business city operations this size mistake would have been caught, construction halted, and changes made until it was with-in the ordinances size parameters. We personally took out the permit, which in hindsight should have been done by the licensed contractor we hired. Our intentions in building the WOSS were to make sure we did things correctly. We regret this happened and are looking for a resolution that accommodates both the city and our property.

- 9. Yes. We had setout to improve the safety of the property along with visual & environmental improvements. The replacements and improvements created safer, more secure retaining walls, stairs, pathways and added substantial vegetation through out the property and that enables us to stop yard erosion from entering the lake. We have currently invested \$83K on landscaping and \$52K on the water orientated storage structure. Our neighbors on both sides and passing boaters have all commented how vastly improved the property is and how much additional green space it has created while all blending well into the shoreline.
- 10. Yes. There are other existing water orientated storage structures similar in look and size in Crosslake on the various lakes. Also on these same lakes in Crosslake there are also various types/styles of retaining walls and landscaping on existing bluffs.
- 11. Yes. The WOSS as is, is 98% completed. The stone siding and gutters/rain barrels for rainwater runoff management are still pending. Tearing down the structure would result in both environmental and economic damage. Initial estimates are approximately \$20,000 in construction demolition, removal and additional landscaping work. Heavy machinery would need to be brought in resulting in excessive landscape damages and noise for the area. At this point to tear down the boulder wall on the bluff it is unknown how it can be safely done without damage to the bluff and lake. The costs to restore the bluff to original condition are unknown to us except that we know it will be very expensive as well. Please let the record state that it was never our intentions to do anything that was not in line with the city ordinances. We are sorry that the city has to spend time on this issue. It was never our intentions to build a WOSS that was larger than what the city of Crosslake allows. We are asking for the variance on the WOSS so that we can avoid the large environmental and economic cost to get to size the ordinance allows. This is a legacy property for our children and a future retirement home for us. We

love the city of Crosslake and the entire Whitefish Chain and we are committed to protecting the beauty of lake and improve upon what is already here in an environmentally positive way.



# City of Crosslake Planning Commission/Board of Adjustment

# After-The-Fact Variance Application

# Findings of Fact

# Supporting/Denying an After-The-Fact Variance

An After-the-Fact Variance may be granted by the Planning Commission/Board of Adjustment when it is found that strict enforcement of the Land Use Ordinance will result in a "practical difficulty" according to Minnesota Statute Chapter 462. The Planning Commission/Board of Adjustment should weigh each of the following questions to determine if the applicant has established that there are "practical difficulties" in complying with regulations and standards set forth in the Land Use Ordinance.							
Is the After-the-Fact Variance request in harmony with the purposes and intent of the Ordinance?     Yes No Why?							
2. Is the After-the-Fact Variance consistent with the Comprehensive Plan? Yes No Why?							
3. Is the property owner proposing to use the property in a reasonable manner not permitted by the Land Use Ordinance?  Yes No							

Why?

4.	4. Will the issuance of an After-the-Fact Variance maintain the essential character of the					
	locality? Yes N Why?	Го				
5.	Is the need for an created by the pr Yes No Why?					
6.	Does the need for Yes No Why?	or an After-the-Fact Variance involve more than economic considerations?				
7.	commencing we analysis of this	nt fail to obtain a variance/or comply with the applicable requirements before ork? (Whether the applicant acted in good faith should be considered in the factor)				

8.	Did the applic Yes Why?	cant attempt to comply with the Ordinance by obtaining the proper permits?  No
9.	Did the applic Yes Why?	cant make a substantial investment in or improvement to the property?  No
10.	Are there oth Yes Why?	ner similar structures in the neighborhood? No
11.		ninimum benefits to the City appear to be far outweighed by the detriment at would suffer if forced to move or remove the structure?  No