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Marquette County Board of Adjustment
77 W Park St, Rm 104
Montello, WI 53949-9366

Re: Robert & Marjorie Bruha request for variance

I am a neighbor across the road from the requesting parties & was not aware of any issue, until I received the letter from the county. I'm assuming the retaining walls will not affect me & hope you will make your decision based on what the closest neighbors, lots 11 & 9 state as to their lot line & run off issues.

I do have issues with so many people just doing what they want & requesting a variance afterwards. I have heard the comment at lake association mtgs, "just do what you want & then request a variance!" Apparently, that is the general consensus around here.

I have the personal experience of a neighbor's garage being just 19" from my lot line. (Binder vs Morrell back in the 90's, I believe.) The neighbors poured a garage slab while we were gone. The building inspector put a stop work order on it, but Judge Wright felt sorry for them, as they were an elderly couple & allowed them a variance & to continue to build a full garage on the slab that had been illegally placed. They are no longer here, but unfortunately that is something I have to look out my kitchen window at every day & will have deal with when selling me property. I believe there should at least be some kind of penalty, or fine for doing these things. In this day & age homeowners should know enough to check on proper guidelines, prior to completing a project.

The bigger issue I see is in the attached pictures, the buried edge of that septic tank cannot be 10 ft from the lot line & is supposed to be inspected, before it can be covered or buried. The trees to the right are the neighbors & the next picture showing the lot line is several feet away from those trees & even closer to the tank.

Admitted by the property owner in this section:

The unnecessary hardship is, and, is present because:

this caused the tank to be above the planned depth and <4 ft from the lot line.

Why would the inspector actually allow it to be just 4 feet, when there was room to move it farther away? The inspector was so insistent about the height of the mound at my property, even when the plumber showed him why it was not necessary. I can guarantee you, that would not have been allowed in my case. It should never have been planned that close to the lot line in the first place, so they would need to worry about water & freezing issues. It appears as if a variance may be needed for that also!

I noted another request for a variance in the same letter per the owner, for business purposes in the Montello area & hate to think that there might be exceptions for certain individuals.

Thank you for listening & for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan Binder".

Susan Binder
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