

**TOWN OF BASS LAKE  
SAWYER COUNTY  
PLANNING COMMITTEE & BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
Thursday, September 5, 2019**

**MINUTES**

Acting Chairman Phil Nies called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Members Present: Phil Nies, Mark Laustrup, Bond Sutton, Dick Theis and Dan Tyrolt. Members Absent: Mark Olson and Dave Aubart.

Nies affirmed agenda was posted in compliance with open meetings law.

Motion by Tyrolt, seconded by Sutton to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Laustrup, seconded by Sutton to approve the minutes of the May 2, 2019 regular meeting. Motion carried.

Correspondence - None

Nies presented the variance application for Donna Yackel, Owner and John Yackel, Agent. The application is for the construction of a 3' x 20' addition onto an existing non-conforming structure located 18' from the ordinary high water mark (OHWM) of Durphee Lake. The proposed footprint expansion area would be located 40' from the OHWM garage with eaves. The proposed addition would connect the existing principal structure to an existing detached garage and make them attached. Nies reported that 6 letters were sent and 1 was returned with no objection. Discussion followed. Motion by Nies, seconded by Sutton to approve the variance application. Motion carried.

Findings of Fact:

1. Unique property limitations – There is wetland around both structures
2. No harm to public interest by connecting the two structures (3' at foundation and 14" at the roofline).
3. Unnecessary hardship – need to provide an adequate place for furnace and other amenities for year round living. It would not be for the convenience of the owner but provide a location for a forced air heating system and other utilities.
4. It would not be damaging to the rights of others or property values as the building appears connected now.

The variance is a distinction without a difference. The 60 sq. f.t. joining of the two structures would be de minimis in enforcing the terms of the Sawyer County Zoning Ordinance.

Nies presented the Henks Park update. Nies reported that the park is finished. There are a few signs and picnic tables to be placed. Approximately 200 maps have been taken since July 1, 2019.

Nies presented the draft Town of Bass Lake, Sawyer County Application for Use of Town Forest Lands. Discussion followed regarding the proposed fee of \$3.00 per entrant. Motion by Laustrup, seconded by Tyrolt to approve the draft with a fee of \$1.50 per entrant. Motion carried.

Nies reported that the park budget will be slightly under for 2019 and the 2020 park budget of \$ 15,600 will be used for blacktopping and upgrading boat landings in addition to yearly maintenance of facilities of \$4,000.00.

Meeting adjourned by Nies at 7:00 pm.

Phil Nies, Clerk Pro Tem