

**Green Lake County**  
**BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**  
October 18, 2024

The meeting of the Green Lake County Board of Adjustment was called to order by Chair Ron Triemstra on Friday, October 18, 2024, at 9:01 AM in the Green Lake County Board Room, Green Lake County Government Center, 571 County Road A, Green Lake, WI. The meeting was held both in person and via remote access. The requirements of the open meeting law were certified as being met. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Ron Triemstra, Chair  
Brian Zimmerman

**Absent:** Rick Dornfeld  
Peter Wallace

**Other County employees present:**

Karissa Block, Deputy County Clerk, Matt Kirkman, P&Z Director; Noah Brown, Land Use and Shoreland Specialist; Ryan Schinke, Land Use Coordinator/Technician (10:17AM)

**MINUTES**

*Motion/second (Triemstra/Zimmerman)* to approve the minutes of the 8/16/2024 meeting. Motion carried with no negative vote.

**RECESS FOR FIELD INSPECTION**

Committee waited a few minutes for Rick Dornfeld to arrive to the meeting. No show of Dornfeld.

Recessed for Field Inspection – 9:11AM

Chair Triemstra called the meeting back in order – 10:17AM

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**Item #1: Owner/Applicant:** John & Kelly Francis, Location: W2955 Hillside Road, **Parcel:** 004-00917-0100, **General legal description:** Lot 1 of CSM 3794, located in Section 35, T16N, R12E, Town of Brooklyn, **Request:** Variance to Section 338-32.E of the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance to build a retaining wall within 75' setback of ordinary high-water mark of Green Lake.

Chair opened the public hearing at 10:20AM. Deputy County Clerk, Karissa Block, read Item #1. Brian Zimmerman from LandWorks, presented his presentation to the board. Zimmerman welcomed any questions. Discussion held.

Chair Triemstra closed the public hearing at 10:48AM

Matt Kirkman gave his staff report. Chair Triemstra apologized for not asking if anyone from the public would like to speak during the public hearing. Chair Triemstra asked for public comment 3 times. Hearing none, the board moved on to discussion. Discussion held.

***Motion/Second (Triemstra/Zimmerman)*** to deny this variance request for the retaining wall and to ask the applicant to come up with a different solution. Ayes – 2, Nays – 0, Absent – 2 (Peter Wallace and Rick Dornfeld), Abstain – 0. Motion passed.

**COMMITTEE DISCUSSION**

- a. Next meeting date – 11/15/2024
- b. Future agenda items for action & discussion

**ADJOURN**

Chair Triemstra adjourned the meeting at 11:25AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Karissa Block*

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Deputy County Clerk