

Joint Planning Board Meeting
March 25, 2025

The meeting of the Joint Planning Board of LeSauk Township and the City of Sartell was called to order by Chairman Dan Heim at 5:30 p.m. at the LeSauk Town Hall.

PRESENT: LeSauk Township Supervisors Dan Heim, Jeff Westerlund and Paul Wagner, City of Sartell Joint Planning Board member Ryan Fitzthum, Recording Secretary Marlyce Plante and 3 interested parties.

AGENDA: DAN HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA ADDING THE SITE PLAN FOR JEREMY SAND, SECOND BY PAUL WAGNER, MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

MINUTES APPROVAL: DAN HEIM MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 25, 2025 JOINT PLANNING BOARD MEETING AS AMENDED, SECOND BY JEFF WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

Jeremy Sand & Angela Murphy, 3934 Riviera Road - Public Hearing - Variance Request - Chairman Dan Heim read the public hearing notice for a variance filed by Jeremy Sand and Angela Murphy and opened the meeting to the floor.

Mr. Sand applied for a variance to construct a 26 X 32 accessory building in their front yard. Their property is located on the Mississippi river. Mr. Sand & Ms. Murphy also have a utility shed which they are allowed and a 10 X 14 garden shed that will remain and grandfathered in.

Chairman Heim had Stephen Gritman, township shoreland consultant, view the property and he stated no shoreland permit was needed. However, Chairman Heim was contacted by Nichole from the DNR (Department of Natural Resources), who stated the DNR must be given a 10-day notice of shoreland impacts like this. Chairman Heim sent here the public hearing notice. Her only concern was whether they will be under the 25% impervious lot coverage which they do meet. No communications were received with any objections or concerns to the construction of the accessory building. There were no further comments or questions.

DAN HEIM MOTIONED TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING, SECOND BY PAUL WAGNER, MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

After a brief discussion by the board members, RYAN FITZTHUM MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION FOR RESOLUTION 2025-02 ALLOWING THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN ACCESSORY BUILDING IN THEIR FRONT YARD AND MAINTAIN THE PRESENT UTILITY SHED AND GREENHOUSE, SECOND BY DAN HEIM, MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

Jeremy Sand & Angela Murphy Site Plan – The Joint Planning Board reviewed the site plan presented by Jeremy Sand. Mr. Sand stated the utility shed will remain where it is at, but the greenhouse will be moved to accommodate for the construction of the accessory building. DAN HEIM MOTIONED TO RECOMMEND FOR APPROVAL THE SITE PLAN PRESENTED BY JEREMY SAND & ANGELA MURPHY, SECOND BY JEFF WESTERLUND, MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

There being no further business, JEFF WESTERLUND MOTIONED TO ADJOURN, SECOND BY RYAN FITZTHUM, MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

Respectfully submitted, Marlyce L. Plante Joint Planning Board Recording Secretary