Agenda Item 3

1090 Highland Avenue Front Yard Setback Variance

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STAFF REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

TO: Chairman Pasquesi and members of the Zoning Board of Appeals

DATE: April 26, 2021

FROM: Michelle Friedrich, Planning Technician

SUBJECT: Front Yard Setback Variance

OWNERS

Zachary and Lacy Fidler 1090 Highland Avenue Lake Forest, IL 60045

PROPERTY LOCATION

1090 Highland Avenue

ZONING DISTRICT

R2 – Single Family Residence 20,000 SF minimum lot size

SUMMARY OF REQUEST

This is a request for a front yard setback variance to allow the existing driveway to be increased in width within the front yard setback.

The property is located on the west side of Highland Avenue, mid-block between Everett Road and Old Elm Road. The property is in the Lake Forest Heights Subdivision which was approved in 1924. The property is developed with a two story residence which was built in 1988.

FACTS

Compliance/Non-Compliance with Key Code Requirements

- The proposed project complies fully with the side and rear yard setbacks.
- The existing home and driveway comply with the Code requirements.
- An expansion of the driveway to a width of no more than 28 feet wide within the front yard setback, or 12 feet wider than the Code allows, is proposed.

Physical, Natural or Practical Difficulties

- The angular direction of Highland Avenue and the alignment of the house in relation to the street creates a limited front yard that constricts the area available for a driveway.
- Due to the siting of the house and angle of the street, the garage is closer to the street than the main house, the front yard is narrower in front of the garage.
- ❖ The Lake Forest Heights Subdivision was approved by the City in 1924 as noted above. The layout of the subdivision and the relationship of the lots to the street do not all conform to the current provisions of the R-2 Zoning District.

STAFF EVALUATION

As noted above, this property is located in the R-2 zoning district. The R-2 zoning district has a minimum lot size of 20,000 square feet and a minimum lot width of 100 feet. The parcel totals approximately 16,346 square feet, less than the current minimum lot size and does meet the current

minimum lot width requirements. Granting a variance will allow modifications to the driveway in a manner consistent with other driveways along Highland Avenue.

The petitioner proposes to pave a portion of an existing gravel area with an asphalt surface to improve maneuverability and to increase the parking area. The petitioner has confirmed that the existing landscaping along the north property line and east of the proposed driveway expansion will remain. A proposed landscape plan is provided in the Board's packet and provides additional landscape screening in between the existing landscaping and the proposed driveway expansion. The proposed plantings are adequate, but as proposed, will not provide full, year round screening of the driveway expansion, however the existing landscaping in combination with the proposed landscaping will provide full, year round screening.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Based on review of the information submitted by the petitioners and an analysis of this request based on applicable portions of the Zoning Code, a review of the history of the area, and site visits, staff submits the following findings.

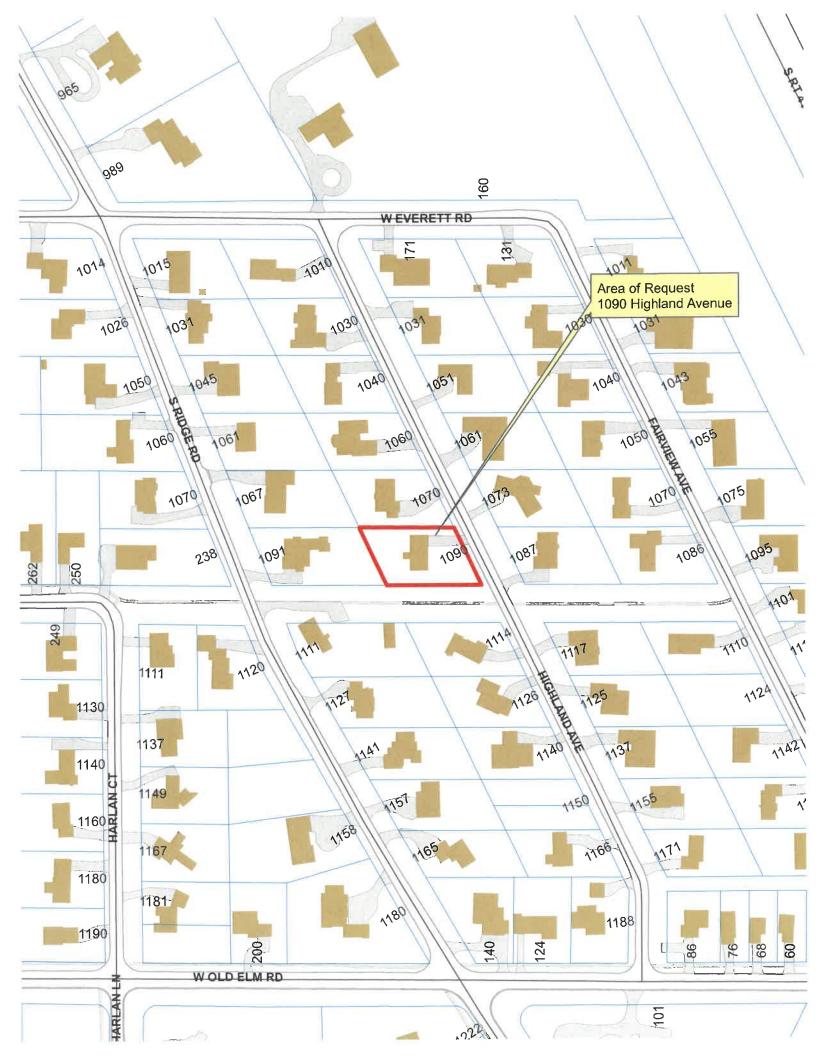
- 1. The requested front yard setback variance will not alter the essential character of the neighborhood. The proposed widening of the driveway is generally in keeping with other driveways along Highland Avenue. With the additional landscaping proposed, views of a car parked in the expanded area will be screened.
- 2. The conditions upon which the variance is requested are generally unique to this neighborhood and to this property and are not generally applicable to other properties in the same zoning district throughout the City. Highland Avenue is angled, and houses are not sited parallel to the street creating limited front yards. In addition, the subdivision dating from the 1920's, has smaller lots than required by the current Code.
- 3. The existing residence conforms to the current 30-foot front yard setback requirement for this area. The hardship in conforming to the required setback is a result of the original construction of the home in a manner that does not follow the angle of the street.
- 4. The variance and the resulting driveway expansion will not impair light or ventilation to adjacent properties, increase congestion, endanger public safety, or diminish property values.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Standard public notice of this request was provided by the City to surrounding property owners. Notice was also provided in the <u>Lake Forester</u> and the agenda was posted at five public locations. As of the date of this writing, several letters have been received from neighbors, all in support of the variance request.

RECOMMENDATION

Based on the findings presented above, recommend approval to the City Council of a variance to allow widening of the driveway, up to 28 feet within the front yard setback consistent with the site plan submitted to the Board.









THE CITY OF LAKE FOREST ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS <u>APPLICATION OF ZONING VARIANCE</u>

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ZONING DISTRICT	
Property Owner (s) Name	zachary & Lacy Fidler
(may be different from project address) Address	10 10 1:11
Phone Email	845-10101-0917 Fax Zackfidlerpgacgmail.com
Applicant/Representative Name	
Beneficial Interests	Staff Reports are Available the Friday before the Meeting
Corporation	
Partnership See Exhibit E Trust, land or other See Exhibit C	
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FRONT YARD SETBACK VARIANCE

Requesting because current driveway needs replacement due to weathering

Current Hardships

R2 Zoning District – setback features do not align with the size of our lot (our lot is smaller at 16,500 sqft vs. 23,000 sqft)

Highland Avenue runs North to South with homes that are built angled on lot. Our lot shape is unique with 63 feet clearance on the South Side of the property and 35 feet to the North. Garage is built on short side of setback.

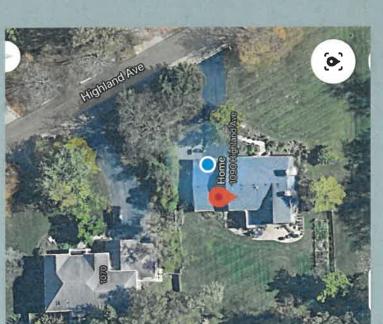
Sloped Driveway





- Will not alter the essential character of our property, the surrounding area of the larger neighborhood in which the property is located.
- No current trees will be removed
- We will landscape around the North & East side of the driveway
- Will provide additional parking for our children (when needed) and our out of town guests
- Will provide additional play space for our young children away from the road (sloped driveway)
- Will not alter the neighborhood as precedence has been set allowing other driveaway additions within the setbacks
- Our 4 direct neighbors have emailed in support of this project

NEW LANDSCAPING



The driveway addition would be shielded by the line of trees on the North property line and current pine trees to the East by the parkway.

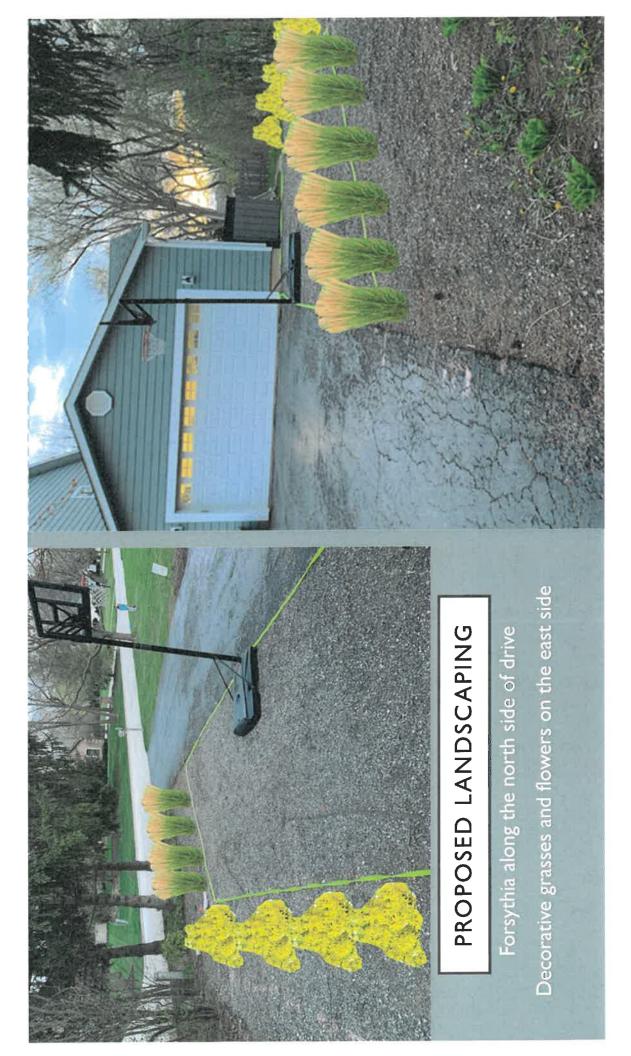
Will add additional landscaping to provide further shielding and make the area more visually appealing.

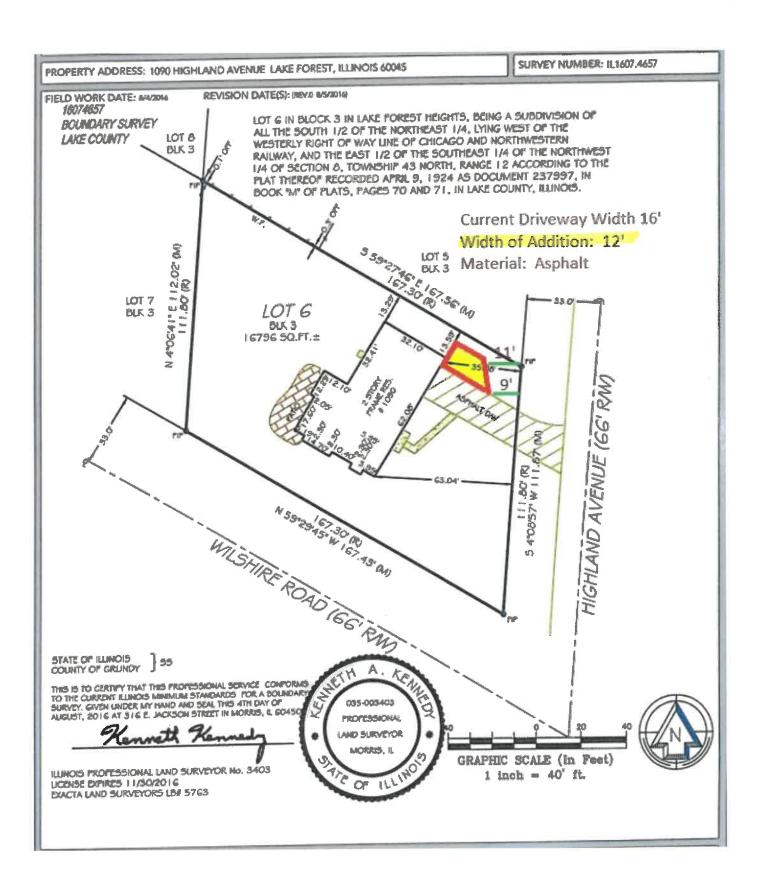
Basketball hoop will be pushed back into this

Low growing shrubs will be planted to the north of the driveway in the event the trees are removed.

To the east we will plant decorative fountain grass, flowers along with high quality white landscaping rocks.













Agenda Item 4

633 E. Woodland road Accessory Structure Side Yard Setback Variance

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Proposed Shed Elevations
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STAFF REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

Chairman Pasquesi and members of the Zoning Board of Appeals TO:

DATE: April 26, 2021

FROM: Michelle E. Friedrich, Planning Technician

Accessory Structure Side Yard Setback Variance SUBJECT:

OWNERS

PROPERTY LOCATION

ZONING DISTRICT

Peter and Stephanie Thadani 633 E. Woodland Road Lake Forest, IL 60045

633 E. Woodland Road R4 – Single Family Residence

SUMMARY OF REQUEST

This request is for a variance from the accessory structure side yard setback to allow construction of a storage shed 6 feet from the west property line. The storage shed is desired by the petitioner to provide storage space near the garage. The property owners have placed gravel in the area of the proposed shed to stake the proposed location.

The property is part of the Harold C. Smith Subdivision approved in 1955. The home was built in 1964 and was recently renovated. The property is on the southwest corner of Woodland Road and Meadow Lane.

FACTS

Compliance/Non-Compliance with Key Code Requirements

- ❖ The property does meet the minimum lot width requirement.
- * The property does not meet the minimum lot size requirements.
- The existing house complies with the side (west) and rear (south) yard setback requirements.
- ❖ The existing house does not comply with the front (north) and corner side (east) yard setback requirements.
- * The existing house complies with Building Scale requirements.
- The existing house complies with lot coverage requirements.
- The proposed shed complies with the front, corner side and rear yard setbacks.
- ❖ The proposed shed does not comply with the side (west) yard setback.

Physical, Natural or Practical Difficulties

- Much of the rear yard is wooded, limiting the options to locate the shed.
- The property is a corner lot, further limiting the options for functional locations for a shed due to the more restrictive setbacks on corner lots.

STAFF EVALUATION

As noted above, this property is located within the R-4 zoning district. The accessory structure side

yard setback is 20 feet. The petitioners desire to add a storage shed, in proximity to the garage, for storage of bikes and property maintenance equipment. The proposed shed will be 6 feet from the west property line and is partially screened by existing mature landscaping and a fence. Visibility from the streetscape will be minimal. The proposed shed location is adjacent to the rear of an attached garage on the property to the west.

The petitioner explored alternative locations including siting the shed in the southeast corner of the property, but there are many mature trees in that area. The southwest corner of the property was also considered but there are raised planters in that area. Locations toward the rear of the property do not meet the owner's desire to have easy access from the garage to the shed. The west side of the property is heavily wooded, further limiting options to site the shed, but providing significant screening in the location as proposed.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Based on review of the information submitted by the petitioners, a site visit and an analysis of this request based on applicable portions of the Zoning Code, staff submits the following findings.

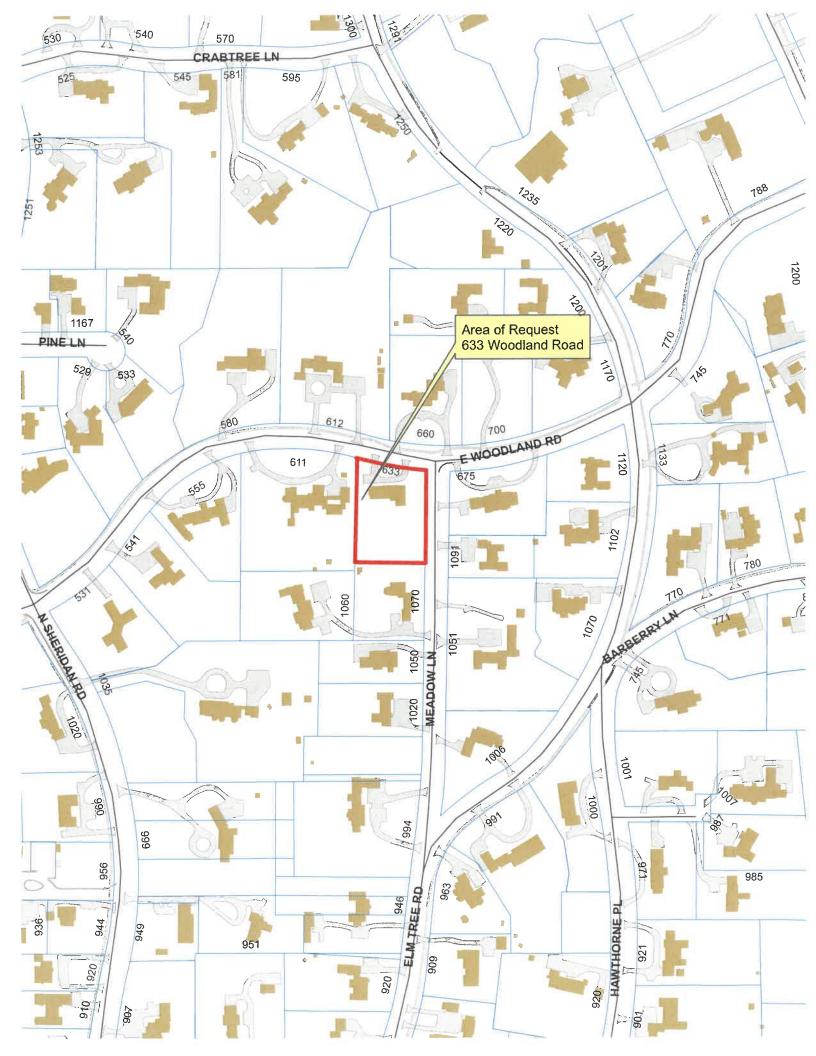
- 1. The requested side yard setback variance will not alter the essential character of the neighborhood. The shed will be heavily screened by existing fencing, landscaping and the neighboring garage and will have limited visibility from off site.
- 2. The conditions upon which the variance is requested are not generally applicable to other properties in the same zoning district throughout the community. The location of the neighboring garage creates a unique condition. The shed will be located just east of the rear wall of the neighbor's garage.
- 3. The hardship in conforming to the side yard setback includes the original siting of the house on the lot, the nonconformance of the lot with current R-4 requirements, the heavily vegetated lot and the pool.
- 4. The proposed shed, if the variance is granted, will not impair light or ventilation to adjacent properties, increase congestion, endanger public safety, or substantially diminish property values in the area. The shed will be tucked into a well screened area.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Standard public notice of this request was provided by the City to surrounding property owners. Notice was also provided in the <u>Lake Forester</u> and the agenda was posted at five public locations. As of the date of this writing, no correspondence has been received.

RECOMMENDATION

Based on the findings presented above, recommend approval to the City Council of an accessory structure side yard setback variance to allow the construction of a shed to be located no closer than 6 feet to the side (west) property line, consistent with the site plan submitted to the Board.









THE CITY OF LAKE FOREST ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS APPLICATION OF ZONING VARIANCE

PROJECT ADDRESS 633 E. Woodland 12d.		
ZONING DISTRICT		
Property Owner (s)	Name	Peter Thadani Stephanie Thadani
(may be different from project address)		633 E. Woodland Rd
	Phone	224-343-0222 Fax
	Email	pitmol S gradicom
Applicant/Representative	Name	- SAME -
	Title	
(if different from Property Owner)	Address	
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Trust, land or other	See Exhibit C	Pick Up Report: Owner 🛮 Representative 🗌
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Request for Accessory Structure Side Yard Setback Variance by Peter and Stephanie Thadani 633 Woodland Road Lake Forest, Illinois 60045

Statement of Intent April 16, 2021

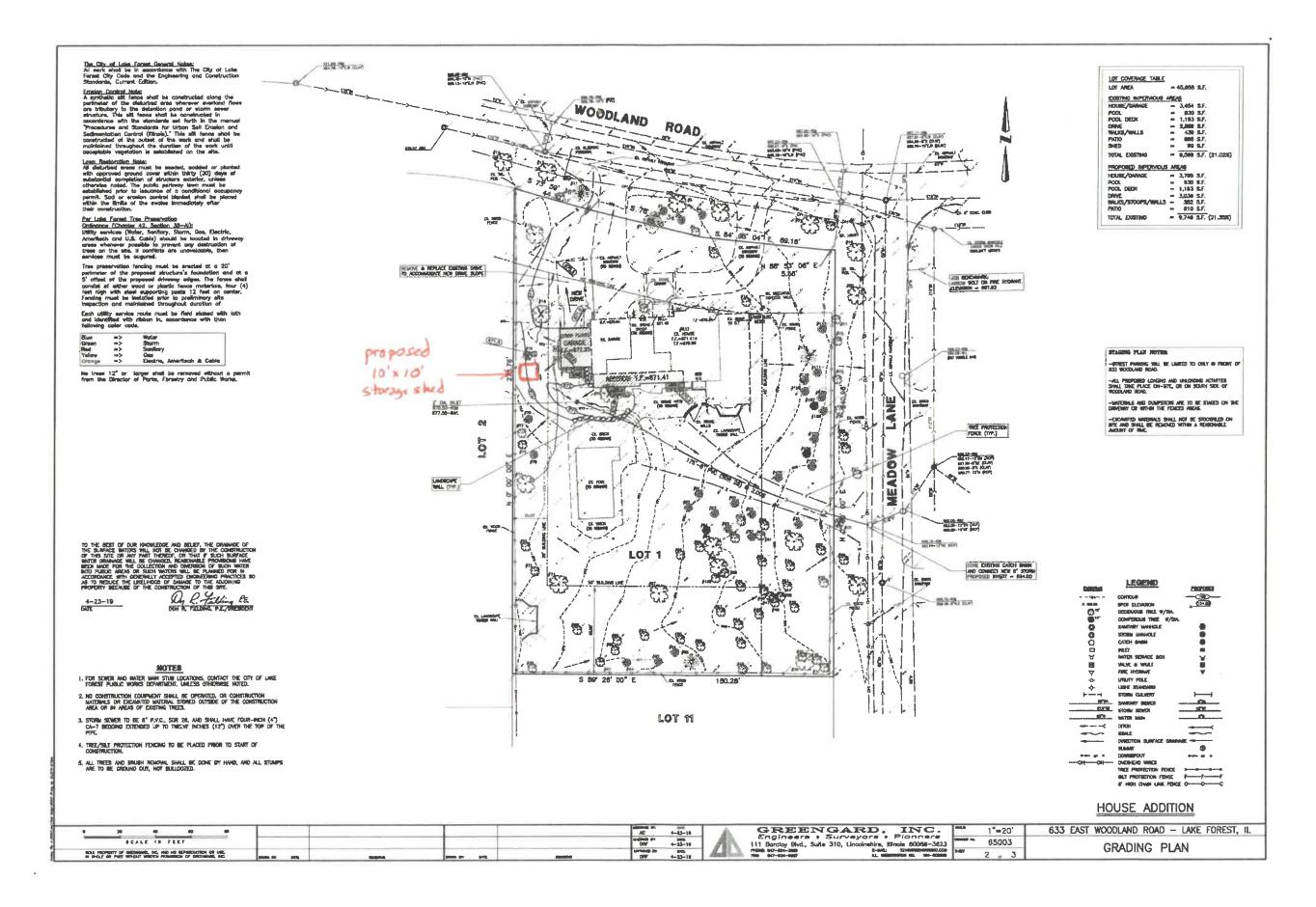
We are requesting a variance to the zoning setback on the west side yard of our residence at 633 E Woodland Road to place a 10'w x 10'd x 14'h storage shed. We are requesting that the shed be placed approximately 6' from the west property boundary. This would allow a passageway of approximately 10' between the proposed shed and the main structure (our house). We wish to continue to use the bays in our garage to park our vehicles and would thus like to store large and small items in the shed such a snowblower, bicycles, and lawn equipment. The proposed location affords convenience and proximity to our driveway. This location was chosen after consideration of other possible locations on the property:

- placement of a storage shed on the east side of the house was not deemed to be acceptable as the east side of the house is already in variance of the setback on that side of the property and a storage shed in that location would be visible from both Woodland Road and Meadow Lane
- due to the heavily wooded nature of our backyard, placement of the shed on the southeast, south, or southwest side of the property would require significant tree removal and/or removal of existing raised garden beds (in the southwest corner of the property), which we wish to preserve
- we have a backyard swimming pool immediately to the south of the house so the only other location that could be considered would be in the backyard to the south of the pool. However, placement of the shed in this location would present practical difficulty getting the snowblower out of the shed to our driveway in the winter and getting the bikes through the yard to the driveway in the summer

The proposed storage shed will sit on a level, crushed gravel base with a 10' x 10' footprint. No tree removal will be required. Per the most recent tree survey the closest tree to the south (#78) is approximately 16' and the closest tree to the north (#79) is approximately 6', with additional arbor vitaes immediately to the west and south of the proposed structure (that will shield the shed from view as well). No grading will be required. The existing grading of our yard in this location is such that the grade runs from our neighbor's property on the west to our property on the east and then to a storm drain to the south. There will be no electrical, gas, or water supply to the proposed structure.

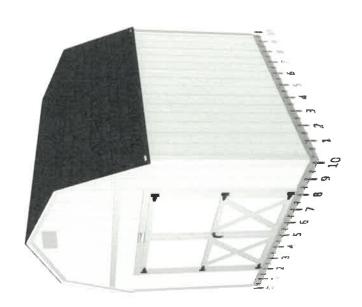
The proposed structure will sit 6' from our 7' tall stockade fence on the west boundary of our property. Immediately to the west, approximately 10' from the property boundary, exists the back of our neighbor's brick garage, which is both taller and wider than our proposed structure. Consequently we do not believe the structure will impair light or air to the adjacent property nor will the neighbors be able to see it unless they are standing between their garage and the fence. Our fence also encloses our yard approximately 30' to the north of the proposed site. As a result the shed will not be visible from Woodland Road whatsoever and thus should not diminish or impair property values within the neighborhood, nor will it increase congestion of public streets.

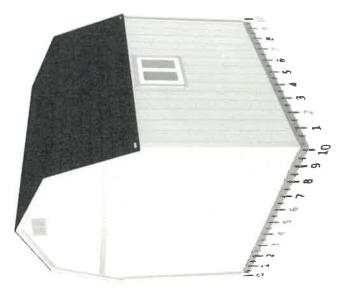
Thank you for your consideration, Peter & Stephanie Thadani





Lake Forest IL 60045 Q-802929 633 East Woodland Road Peter Thadani









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Building Size & Style Premier Tall Barn - 10' wide by 10'

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Base: Delicate White, Trim: Delicate White Customer to apply 2nd coat

Roof Selection Charcoal 3 Tab

Drip Edge White

Options Details

Doors3' x 6'7" Double Shed Door (6'), LowerX,
Decorative Door Hardware 2'x2' Horizontal Sliding Window

Interior

10 Lin Ft Shelving - 16" deep 40 Sq Ft Pegboard 40 Sq Ft Overhead Loft

2 Ea 16"x8" Wall Vent - White

Shelving Locations
Shelving on Side C at 39".
Half Wall Pegboard Locations
Half Wall Pegboard on Side B at 39".

Wall C - Straight Loft, 4' Deep Wall C

Jobsite/Installer Details

Do you plan to insulate this building after Tuff Shed installs it?

Is there a power outlet within 100 feet of installation location?

The building location must be level to properly install the building. How level is the install location?
Within 4" of level
Will there be 24" of unobstructed workspace around the perimeter of all four walls?

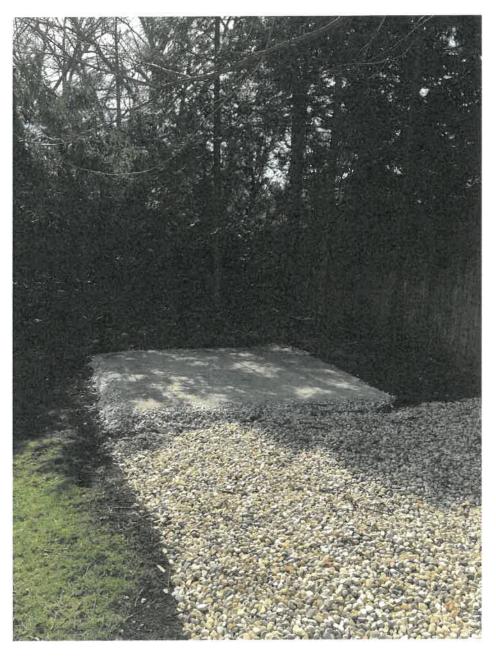
Can the installers park their pickup truck & trailer within approximately 200' of your installation site? Substrate Shed will be installed on? Dirt/Gravel

Signature:

Date:

Photos of proposed shed site for 633 E Woodland Rd Lake Forest, Il 60045

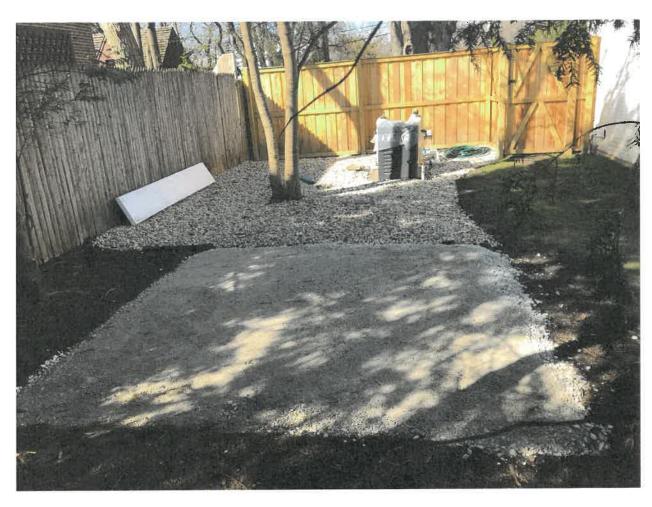
Peter Thadani and Stephanie Thadani, homeowners



View of proposed shed site looking north to south



view of proposed shed site looking east to west



view of proposed shed site looking south to north

Agenda Item 5

33 N. Stone Gate Lane Steep Slope Variance

STAKING DIAGRAM

Staff Report Vicinity Map Air Photos

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Plat of Survey

Proposed Site Plan

Proposed Enlarged Site Plan

Proposed Elevations

Proposed Floor Plans

Proposed Sections

Renderings

Photographs

Proposed Tree Removals and Landscape Plan

Tree Inventory



STAFF REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

TO: Chairman Pasquesi and members of the Zoning Board of Appeals

DATE: April 26, 2021

FROM: Michelle E. Friedrich, Planning Technician

SUBJECT: 33 N. Stone Gate Lane – Steep Slope Variance

OWNERS

PROPERTY LOCATION

East Side of Stone Gate Lane, North of Illinois Road

ZONING DISTRICT

R4 – Single Family Residence 60,000 square foot minimum lot size

PROJECT REPRESENTATIVE

Diana Melichar, architect

WES JH LOT 76 LLC

Walter Sommers, 100%

33 N. Stone Gate Lane Lake Forest, IL 60045

SUMMARY OF REQUEST

This is a request for approval of a steep slope variance to allow the construction of a beach pavilion on the slope of the bluff. The existing boat house will be removed.

This property is located on the east side of Stone Gate Lane and includes the bluff above Lake Michigan, north of Illinois Road and is part of the Suzanne Clare Falk Subdivision, approved in 1985. The house was constructed in 1961 and the existing boat house was constructed in 1962. The property is approximately 176,677 square feet. This project will also be reviewed by the Historic Preservation Commission for the design aspects of the project, as well as building scale and height variances.

FACTS

Compliance/Non-Compliance with Key Code Requirements

- The proposed project complies fully with the lot coverage limitation.
- The petitioners have provided the necessary information to the City Engineer to demonstrate the stability of the bluff and the feasibility of the proposed construction project.
- Any improvements on the slope of the bluff require a variance.

STAFF EVALUATION

This property is located within the R-4 zoning district and the eastern border of the property is Lake Michigan. The petitioner recently purchased the property and desires to replace the deteriorating boat house and construct a new beach front structure further away from the high water mark of the Lake. A steep slope variance is required for the proposed beach pavilion because it is on the slope of the bluff. A tram, reconstruction of the steps on the bluff and demolition of the existing boat house is also proposed. The Code regarding Steep Slopes is intended to assure that before any construction is approved at the top of a bluff, or on the bluff itself, the stability of the slope is documented to the

satisfaction of the City Engineer and that the proposed construction occurs in a manner that does not negatively impact the stability of the slope.

The Board does not often hear requests for variances to allow construction on the slope of the bluff because only a limited number of properties border the bluff along Lake Michigan. The Code provides the opportunity for construction on the slope of the bluff if certain technical requirements are satisfied. The Code requires that after review of a request for a variance by the City Engineer and if the City Engineer issues a positive recommendation, the request for a variance must also be considered by the Zoning Board of Appeals and by the City Council prior to the issuance of building permits. This request is brought forward for Board consideration after review of the existing condition of the bluff and the proposed project by the City Engineer. The City Engineer has reviewed preliminary engineering information and is support of review by the Zoning Board of Appeals, subject to his review of final construction drawings prior to the issuance of a building permit.

The proposed beach pavilion is two stories in height, at the tallest point, due to the slope of the bluff. A portion of the structure has an open roof structure and open walkways and a terrace are located around the perimeter of the structure. The petitioners propose to remove several trees, only one of which is in good condition, requiring 22 replacement inches in form of shade trees. The proposed landscape plan provides a variety of plant material in various sizes, but some additions of shade trees will be necessary.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Based on the recommendation of the City Engineer, review of the information submitted by the petitioners, review of applicable portions of the Zoning Code and considering the unique facts of this property, staff offers the following findings in support of a steep slope variance.

- 1. The requested variance will not alter the essential character of the neighborhood as the improvements will front Lake Michigan and other properties along the lakefront have similar improvements.
- 2. Evidence has been submitted to the City Engineer documenting the stability of the bluff in the area of the proposed construction. The City Engineer recommends approval of the variance subject to review and approval of final plans by City Engineering staff.
- 3. The conditions upon which the variance is requested; are unique and not generally applicable to other properties in the R-4 zoning district, as only a handful of residences border Lake Michigan.
- 4. The hardship which creates the need for a variance is inherent to the property given the location along Lake Michigan and the fact that the proposed improvements are directly related to activity associated with the beach. Any construction on the slope of the bluff requires a variance to assure diligent review.
- 5. The variance and the resulting construction will not impair light or ventilation to adjacent properties, increase congestion, endanger public safety, or significantly diminish property values of other homes in the neighborhood. The structure will not be visible from other homes. Improvement and enhancement of the property supports property values in the area.

PUBLIC COMMENT

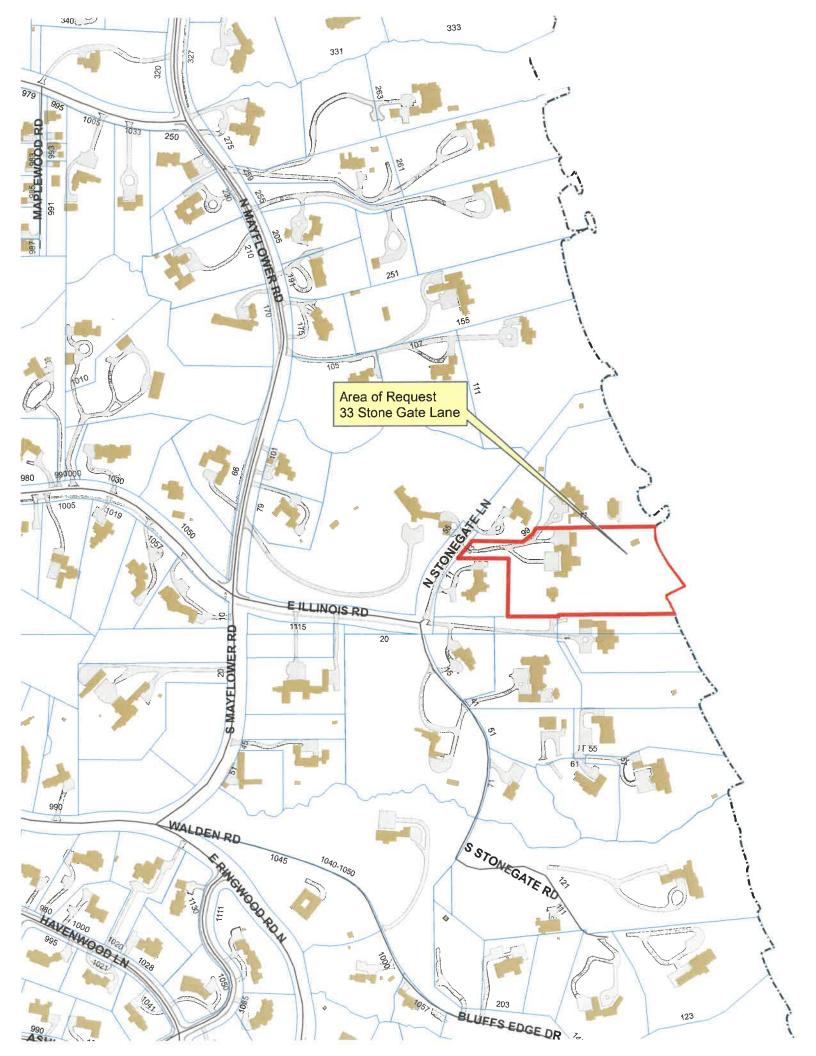
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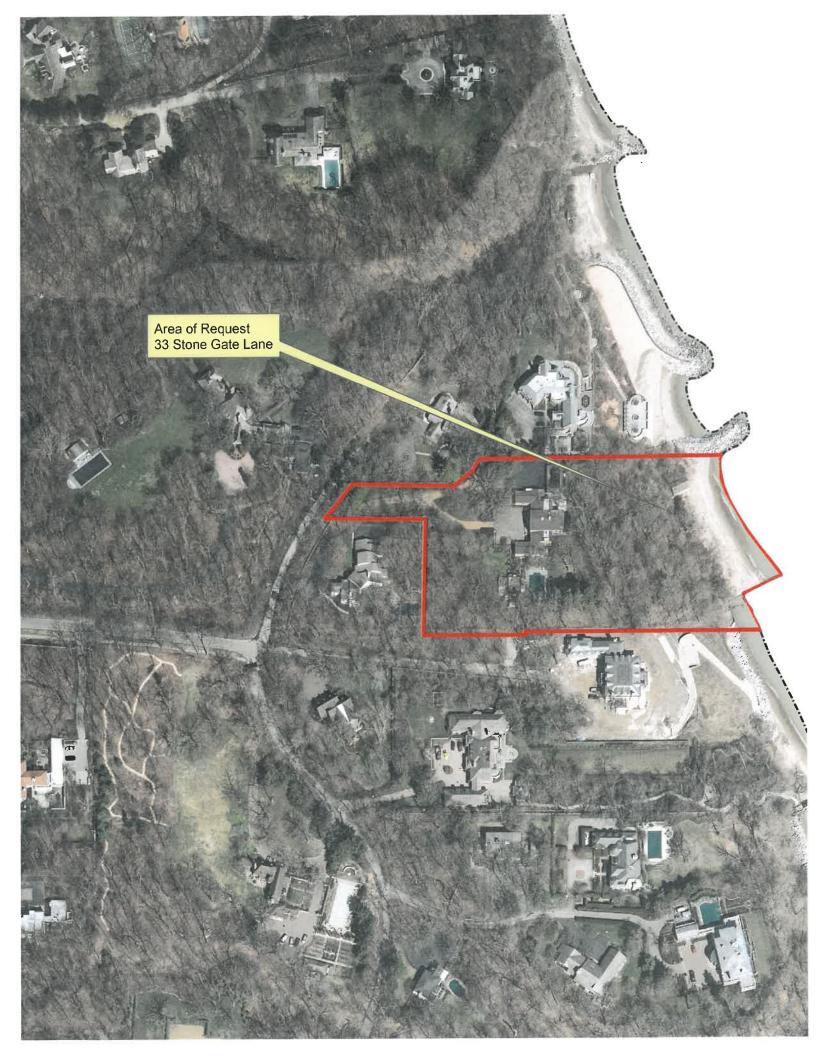
As of the date of this writing, no correspondence or contacts pertaining to this request were received.

RECOMMENDATION Based on the findings presented above, recommend approval of a steep slope variance to the City Council to allow construction of a beach pavilion and other beach related amenities consistent with the dimensioned site plan included in the packet.











THE CITY OF LAKE FOREST ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS APPLICATION OF ZONING VARIANCE

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ZONING DISTRICT R4					
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Owner					Date
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Applicant/Representative				Date	

CORPORATE OWNERSHIP (EXHIBIT A)

Please list the names and addresses of all officers and directors of the Corporation and all shareholders who own individually or beneficially 5% or more of the outstanding stock of the corporation. In addition, this application must be accompanied by a resolution of the Corporation authorizing the execution and submittal of this application.

Name Walter Sommers		Name
Address 33 N. Stone Gate Lane		Address
Ownership Percentage100	%	Ownership Percentage%
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TAKE FOREST 70NING BOARD OF APPEALS

Request for a steep slope variance to construct a beach pavilion

for

Mr. & Mrs. Walter Sommers

33 North Stone Gate Lane

Background

Mr. and Mrs. Sommers recently purchased the property and existing home at 33 North Stone Gate Lane. In 2020, the Sommers invested much time and resources into the refurbishment of their 1958 home and pool building. The architectural language of the existing home and pool building rely on strong, simple geometric forms and surface materials. The proposed beach pavilion's design is a fresh take on this architectural language.

The existing property also includes a third structure; a dilapidated boat house. The existing concrete block and wood frame roof structure sits along the beach, with its east wall formed by the same steel sheet pilings that form the current water's edge. The entire building is badly damaged and the floor is filled with several feet of sand.

Request

Mr. and Mrs. Sommers would like to improve their lakefront property by demolishing the existing boat house, and creating a replacement structure for enjoying waterside activities that is further from the water's damaging reach and of more enduring quality. The pavilion, placed away from the water's edge at the bottom of the bluff, is entirely within the steep slope.

Design Description

Lake Michigan's beauty is undeniable, but it can also be powerful and destructive. The existing boathouse, currently located at the water's edge, is extensively damaged. Rising lake levels mean water, ice and waves reach farther onto the property. We have carefully worked with civil and structural engineers to nestle the new beach pavilion into the bluff, west of the current boat house, and behind the toe of slope. This placement keeps the new structure over 50' farther from the water's edge, but in the same general location on the overall site.

Placement of the pavilion just north of the middle of the property's shoreline takes advantage of a more shallow bluff. The topographic lines can be seen to spread further apart here than they do further south on the property, thus requiring the least amount of retaining wall.

The building is oriented toward the east-northeast. This is almost identical to the existing boat house building and approximately parallel to the lakeshore. This orientation enables the building to take advantage of full east views, southern views along the lakeshore and southern light. A rigid north/south orientation would leave inhabitants looking south directly into the rising bluff slope.

For durability, the beach pavilion's retaining walls, stairs and building are all scheduled to be constructed of reinforced concrete. For beauty, the concrete will be colored and formed with decorative surface patterns and textures to mimic stone and stucco.

The building plinth is raised above grade at the east side and recessed along its west side, splitting the 17 foot grade change. This plinth provides a solid, level foundation and terrace on which the pavilion sits and acts as a retaining structure between the bluff and water. The plinth height provides the added bonus of raised views out toward the water. The poured concrete walls work to reinforce the bluff slope.

Discussion of Standards for variance

The steep slope ordinance allows variation from restrictions based on engineering practices which result in the determination that the particular slope is stable at an angle greater than 22 degrees. Soil borings have been taken and a geotechnical report written in review of the proposed structure and its proposed location on the bluff. A steep slope analysis has been created by a licensed geotechnical engineer as specifically related to the proposed beach pavilion design and location. The conclusion of the report reads, "The analysis...shows a minimum factor of safety greater than normally accepted values."

The location of this beach pavilion structure makes it visible only from the lake and its immediate neighbors, and almost parallel with this property's boat house. The proposed beach pavilion is pulled further back from the water's edge by 50', recessed into the existing grade, and at its highest point is still 28' below the at-grade terrace for the home above. This parcel is also well forested, providing privacy for the owner and neighbors. In addition, new landscaping will further screen the proposed beach pavilion and stabilize areas disturbed during construction.

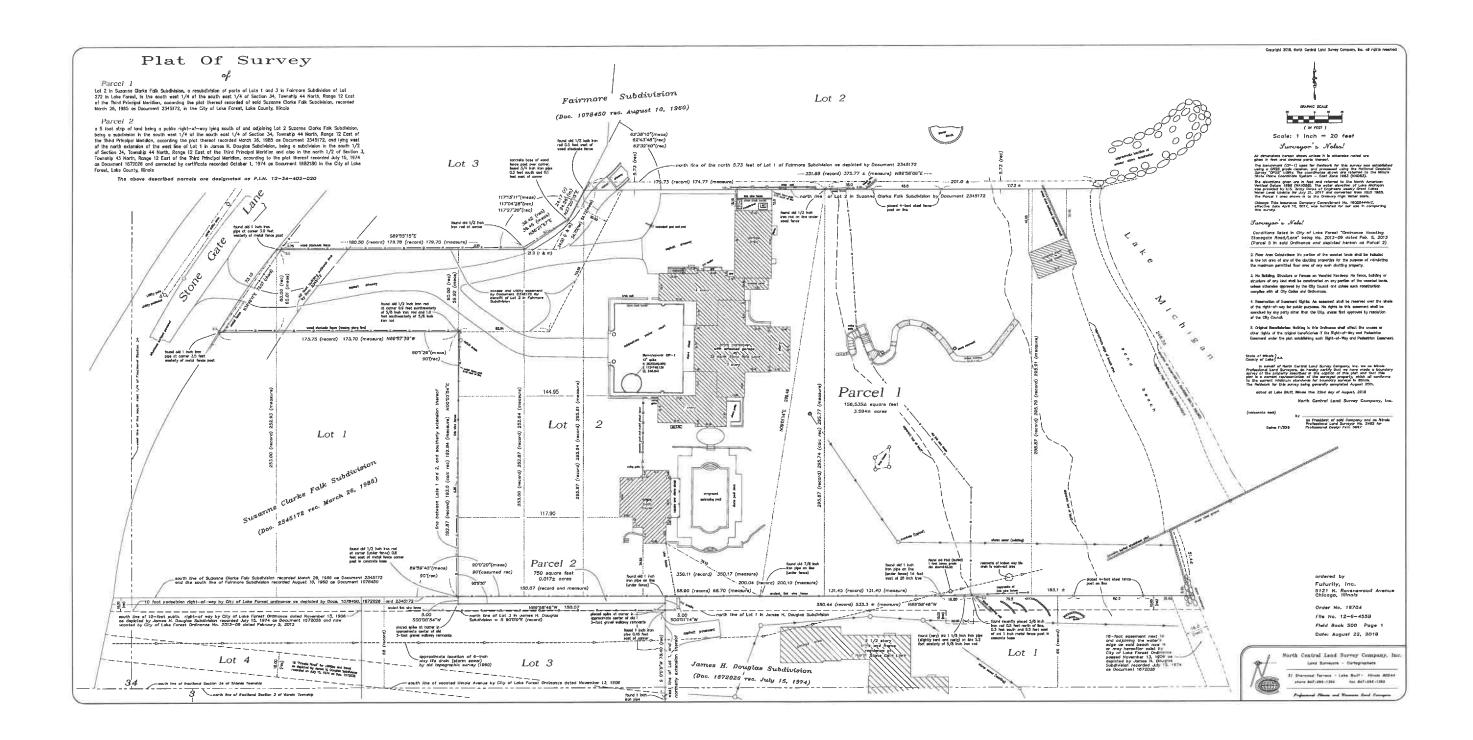
The building will not alter the character of the property or neighborhood.

The existing, dilapidated boat house will be removed and replaced with a more durable beach pavilion set further from the destructive forces of Lake Michigan.

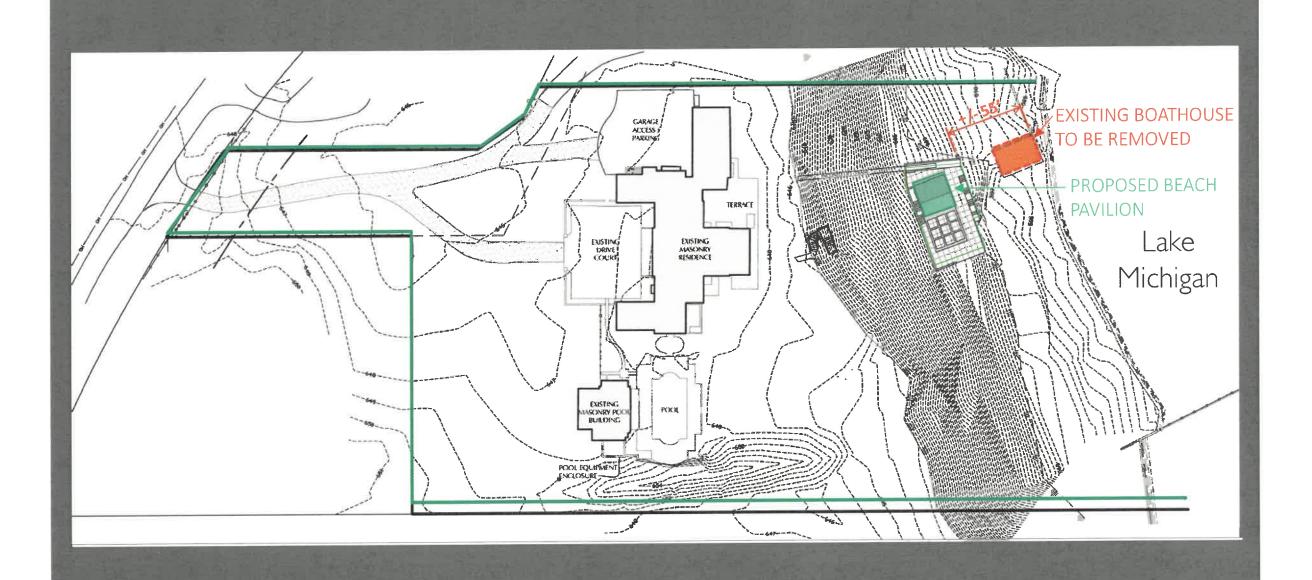
The raised bluff along Lake Michigan's shoreline has led to the development of steep slope regulations, no cause of the property owner.

The variance will not impair light and air to adjacent properties. It will not increase congestion of the streets, increase danger of fire or endanger public safety. Demolition of the dilapidated existing boathouse and construction of this replacement pavilion should not diminish property values.

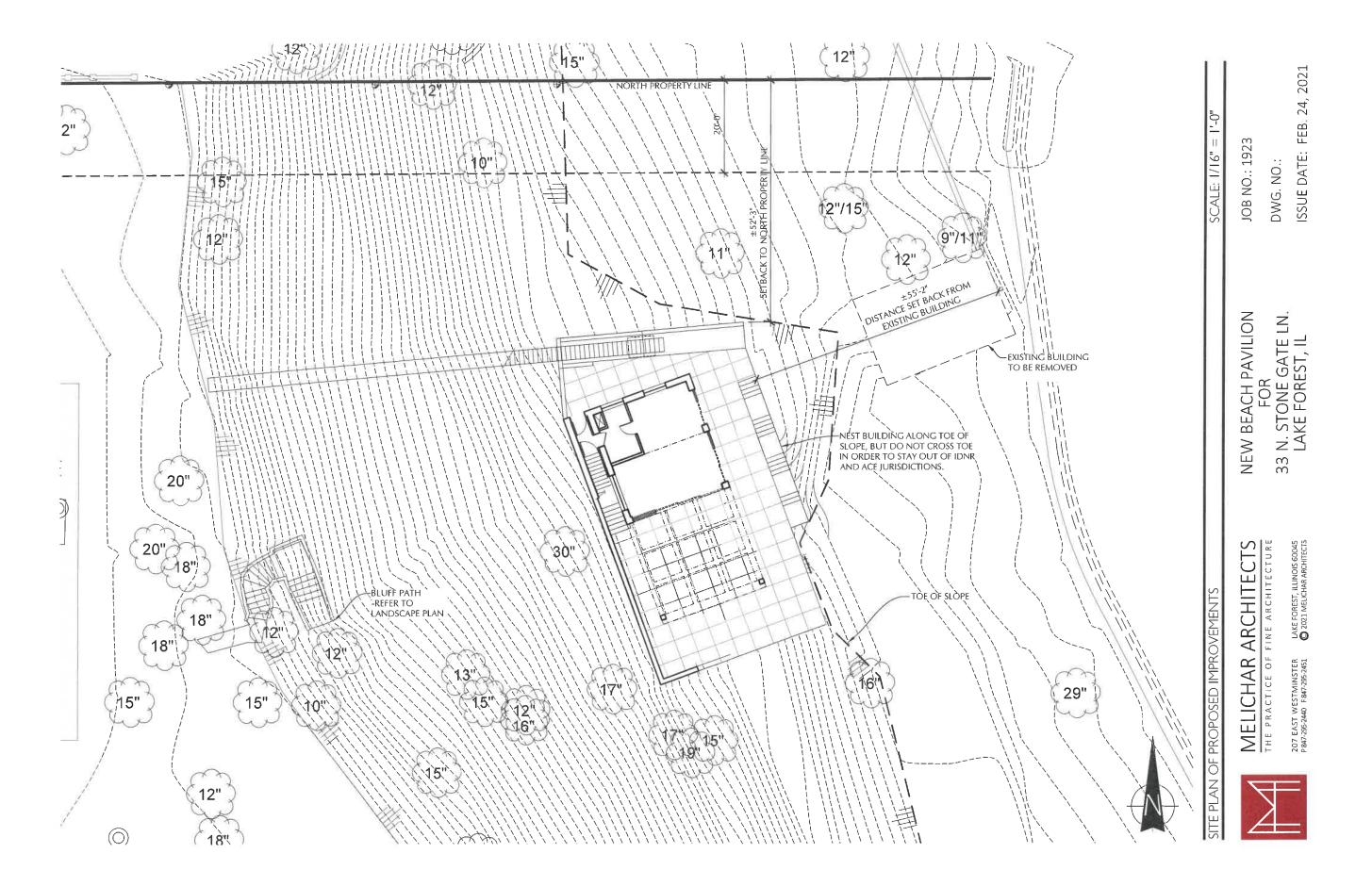


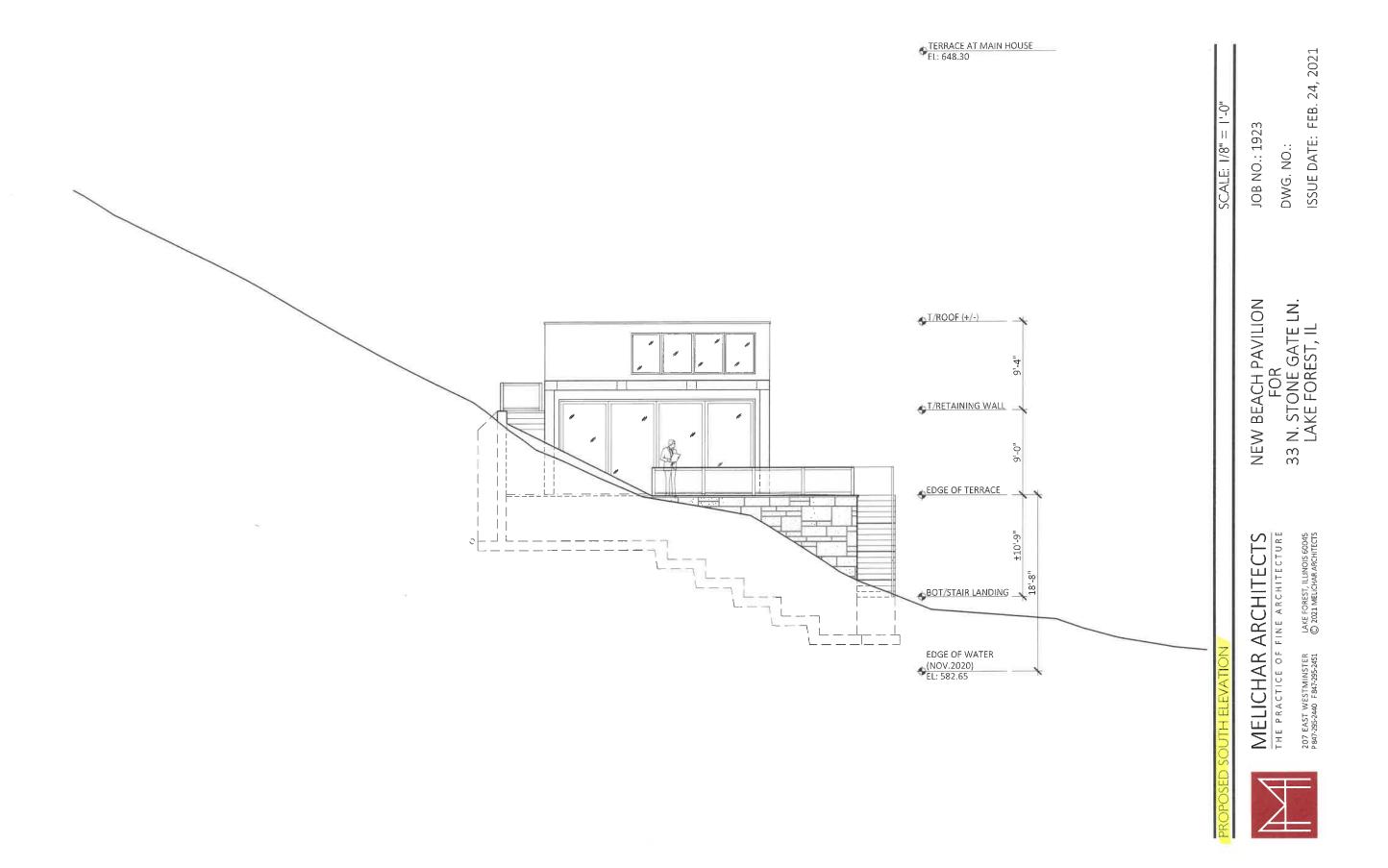


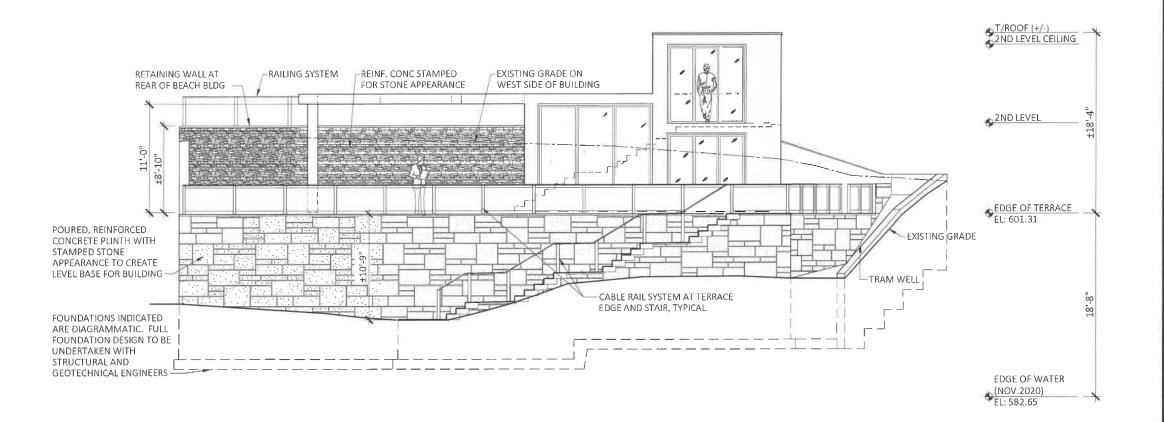
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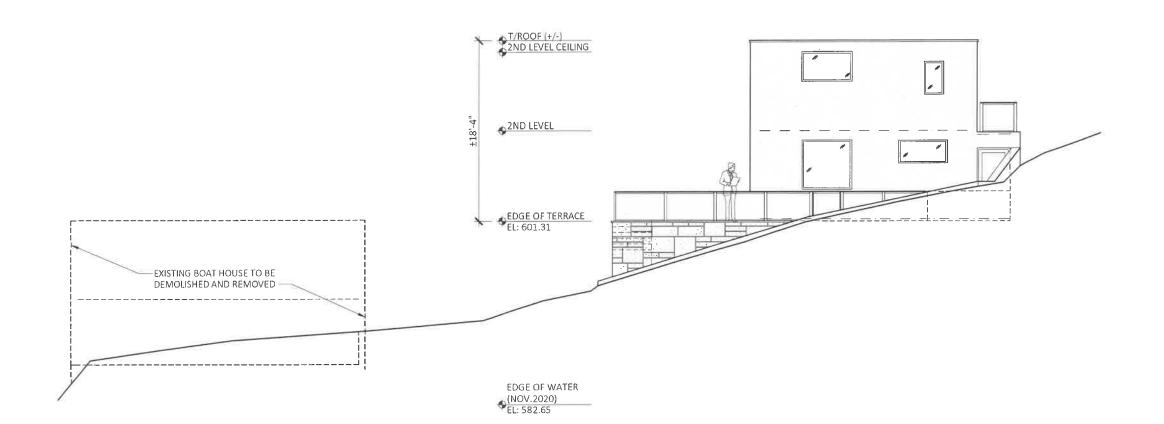
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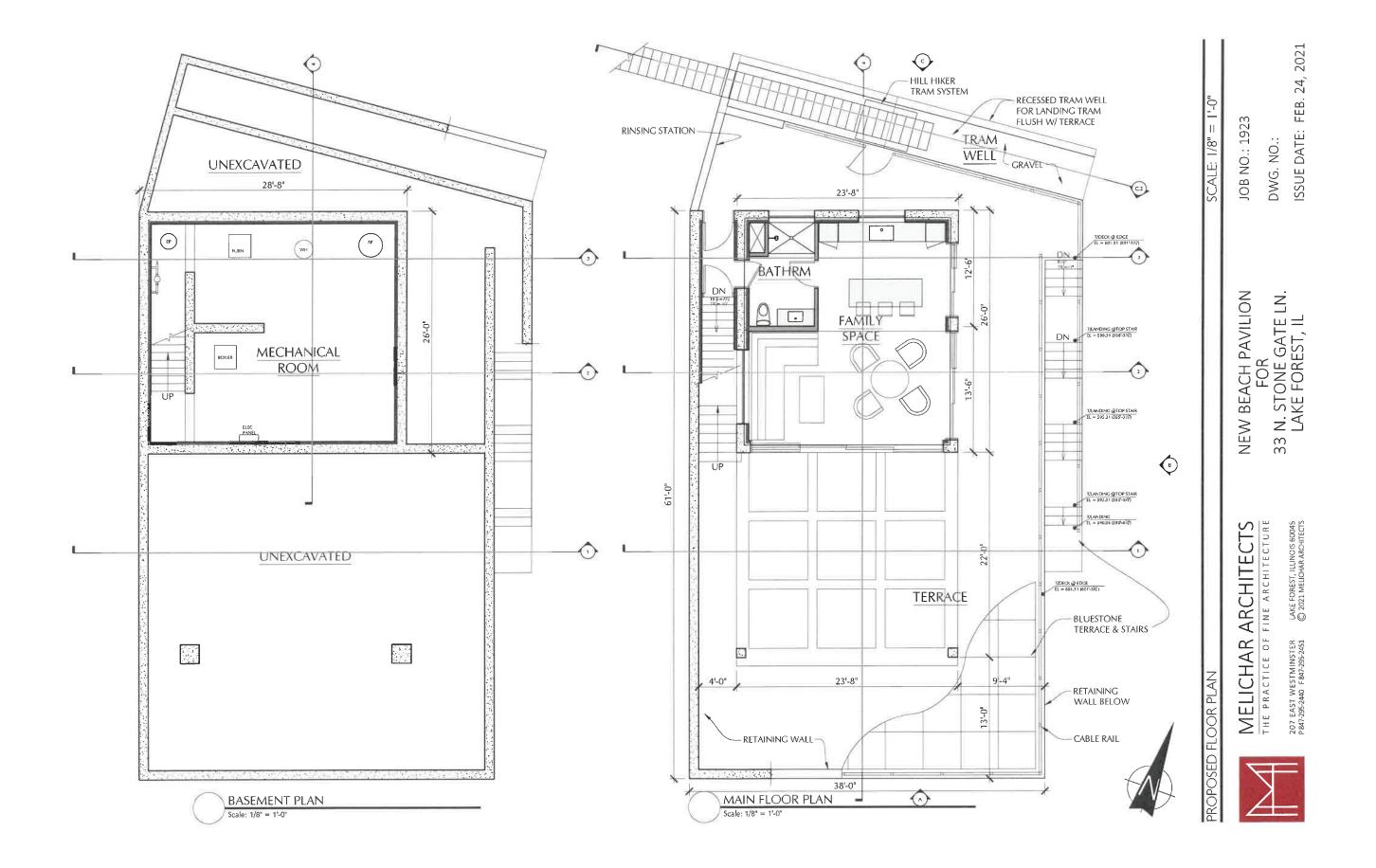
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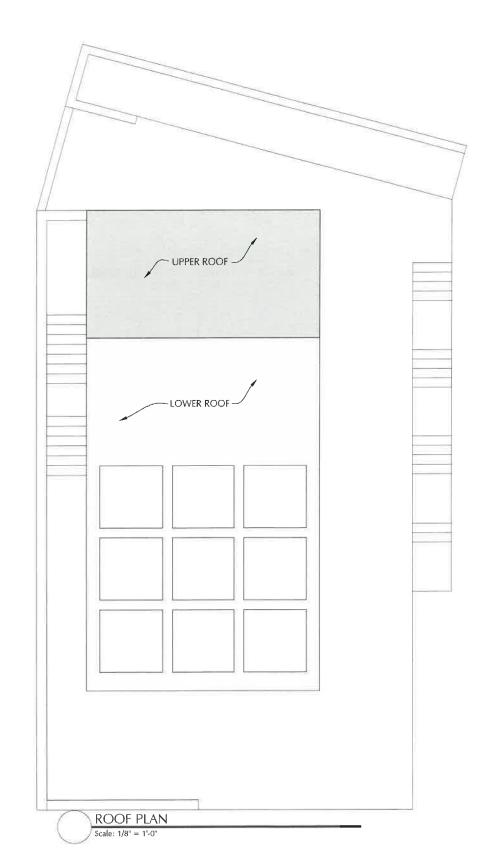
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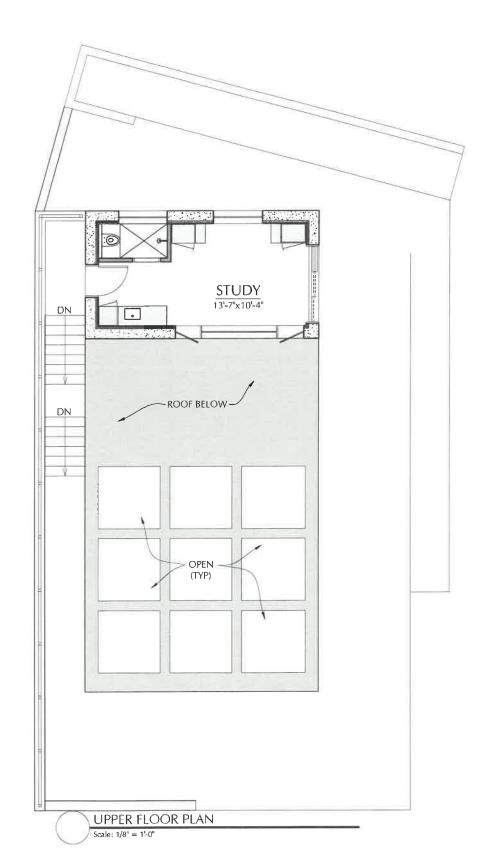
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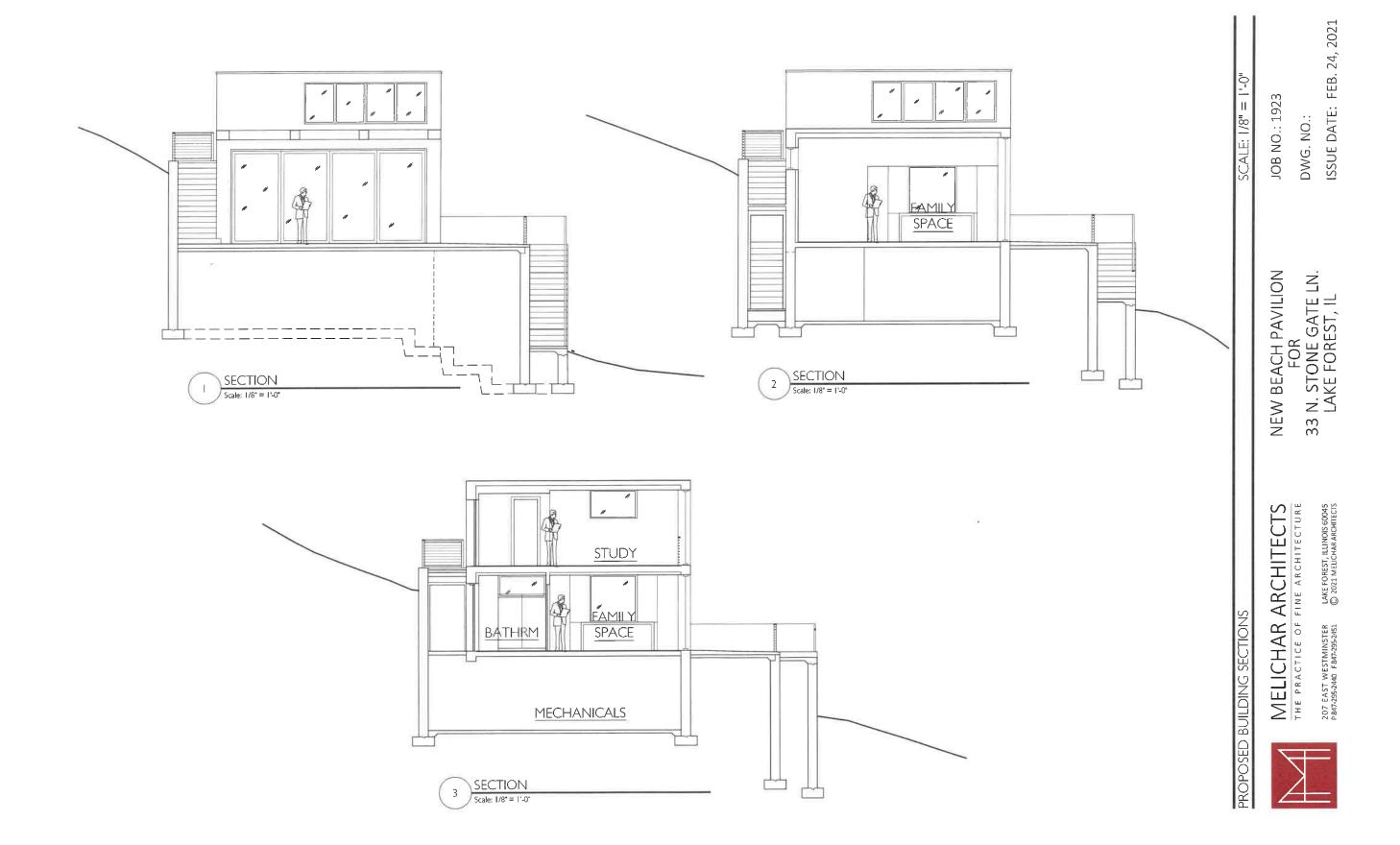
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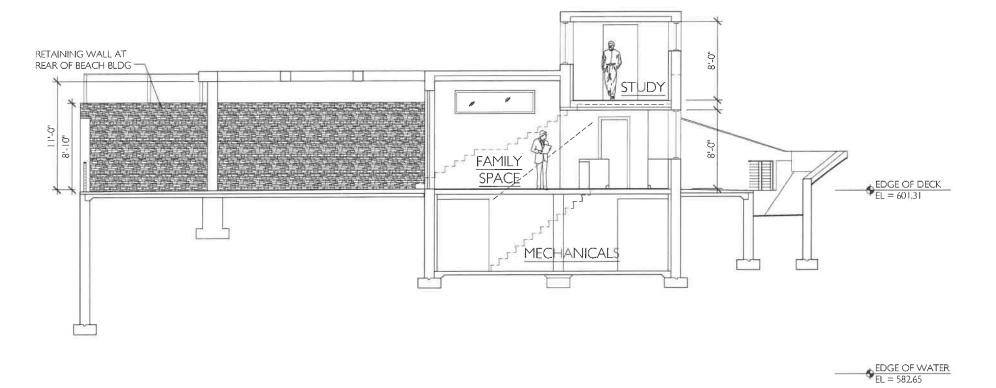
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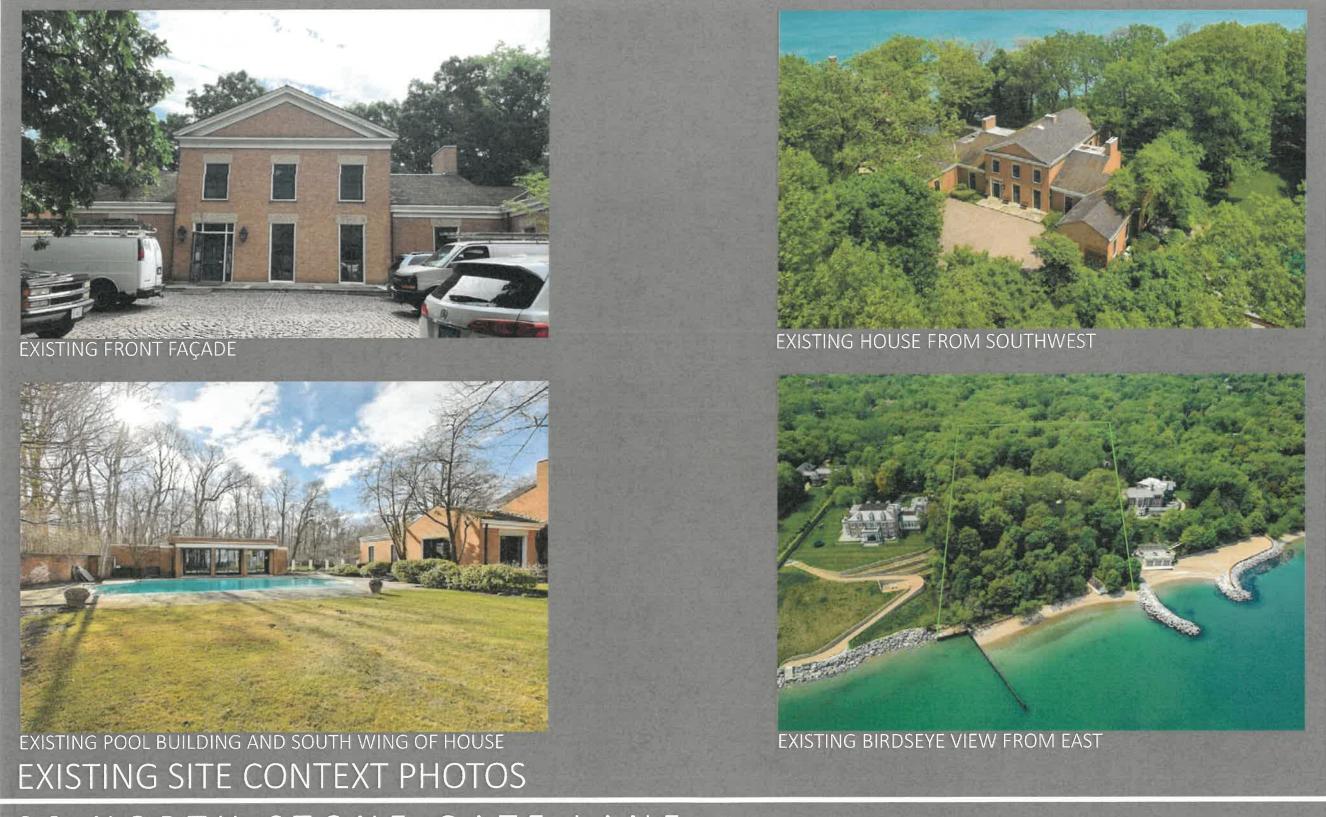
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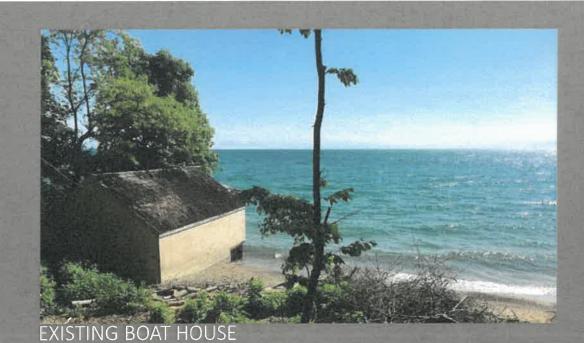
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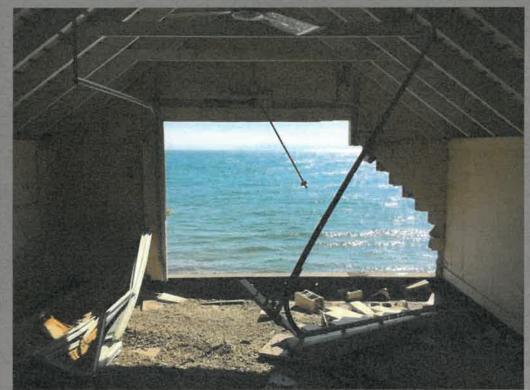


EXISTING BOAT HÖUSE



EXISTING BOAT HOUSE INTERIOR

EXISTING SITE CONTEXT PHOTOS



EXISTING BOAT HOUSE INTERIOR





Client: Worksite: Date:

Surveyor: Sam Conrad Cert. Arborist IL-9678A

TREES PROPOSED FOR REMOVAL

Tree Survey and Inventory

ID#	Common Name	Species	DBH	Condition	Comments
1703	Norway Maple	Acer platanoides	10	Good	
1715	Norway Maple	Acer platanoides	9, 11	Fair	Leaning trunk
1716	Black locust	Robinia pseudoacacia	12	Fair	Leaning trunk
1721	Norway Maple	Acer platanoides	12, 1 5	Good	
467	Norway Maple	Acer platanoides	11	Fair	
1717	American basswood	Tilia americana	11; 11	Good	
466	Norway Maple	Acer platanoides	8	Fair	
1737	American basswood	Tilia americana	8	Poor	Epicormic shoots, Leaning trunk
1731	Norway Maple	Acer platanoides	10	Poor	Crack, Leaning trunk
1742	Eastern cottonwood	Ropulus deltoides	22	Poor	Cavity, Leaning trunk
1743	Eastern cottonwood	Populus deltoides	29	Fair	Leaning trunk, fungus
4744	Eastern cottonwood	Populus deltoides	13	Poor	Cavity, Leaning trunk
1747	American basswood	Tilia americana	10	Fair	Leaning trunk
1746	American basswood	Tilia americana	10	Poor	Crack, Leaning trunk
1748	Norway Maple	Acer platanoides	16	Fair	Crack, Leaning trunk
1751	Norway Maple	Acer platanoides	15	Good	
1750	Norway Maple	Acer platanoides	14	Fair	Crack, Leaning trunk
1752	Norway Maple	Acer platanoides	19	Good	
1753	Norway Maple	Acer platanoides	17	Good	
1755	Norway Maple	Acer platanoides	17	Good	
1754	Norway Maple	Acer platanoides	13	Fair	
1728	Eastern cottonwood	Populus deltoides	30	Good	
1762	Norway Maple	Acer platanoides	16	Good	
1761	Norway Maple	Acer platanoides	12	Fair	
1760	Norway Maple	Acer platanoides	15	Good	
1759	Black locust	Robinia pseudoacacia	13	Fair	



