# AGENDA CITY OF STURGEON BAY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Tuesday, September 28, 2021 12:00 Noon Council Chambers, City Hall 421 Michigan Street

- 1. Roll call.
- 2. Adoption of agenda.
- 3. Approval of minutes from August 24, 2021.
- 4. Public Hearing: Petition for v

Petition for variance from Section 20.27(1) of the City of Sturgeon Bay Zoning Code for Austad, LLC located at 1227

Egg Harbor Road, parcel #281-62-10000117.

5. Consideration of: Petition for variance from Section 20.27(1) of the City of

Sturgeon Bay Zoning Code for Austad, LLC located at 1227

Egg Harbor Road, parcel #281-62-10000117.

6. Adjourn.

NOTE: DEVIATIONS FROM THE AGENDA ORDER SHOWN MAY OCCUR.

ZBA Board Members:
William Murrock, Chair
Bill Chaudoir
Dave Augustson
Nancy Schopf
Morgan Rusnak
Michael Marit – Alt 1

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#### Zoning Board of Appeals August 24, 2021

The City of Sturgeon Bay Zoning Board of Appeals was called to order at 12:00 noon by Chairperson William Murrock in Council Chambers, City Hall, 421 Michigan Street.

Roll call: Members William Murrock, Bill Chaudoir, Dave Augustson, Nancy Schopf and Alternate Michael Marit were present. Member Morgan Rusnak arrived at 12:02 p.m. Alternate Michael Marit became a non-voting member. Also present were Planner/Zoning Administrator Chris Sullivan-Robinson, City Engineer Chad Shefchik and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Laurie Spittlemeister.

Adoption of agenda: Moved by Mr. Chaudoir, seconded by Ms. Schopf to adopt the following agenda:

- 1. Roll call.
- 2. Adoption of agenda.
- 3. Approval of minutes from August 10, 2021.
- 4. Public Hearing: Petition for variance from Section 20.27 (2-3) of the City of Sturgeon

Bay Zoning Code and Section 23.04 (3)(a)(1) of the City of Sturgeon Bay Floodplain Zoning Code for Timothy Murphy, located at 123 N.

Lansing Avenue.

5. Consideration of: Petition for variance from Section 20.27 (2-3) of the City of Sturgeon

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Lansing Avenue.

6. Adjourn.

All ayes. Carried.

#### **Approval of Minutes from August 10, 2021:**

Moved by Mr. Schopf, seconded by Mr. Augustson to approve the minutes from August 10, 2021. All ayes. Carried.

Public hearing: Petition for variance from Section 20.27 (2-3) of the City of Sturgeon Bay Zoning Code and Section 23.04 (3)(a)(1) of the City of Sturgeon Bay Floodplain Zoning Code for Timothy Murphy, located at 123 N. Lansing Avenue:

Mr. Sullivan-Robinson stated that the property is located within floodplain boundaries and zoned Residential (R-2). The crawl space of the home is currently at flood plain level. Setbacks for properties zoned R-2 need to be 25 feet from the street right of way, however the deck can be 17 feet away from the street. FEMA floodplain rules require the City to send variances to them, with the buffering rules enforced by Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

Mr. Chaudoir received clarification on some of the drawing, and felt the application did not have enough detail.

Mr. Sullivan-Robinson continued stating that fill will be satisfied on the north side of the home and very little needed on the west side.

Chairperson Murrock opened the public hearing at 12:15 p.m.

Timothy Murphy, 123 N Lansing Avenue explained he is currently remodeling the entire house to make it ADA compliant and would like a Victorian style deck around part of the house. The current deck has a flat roof, the plan for the new deck is to have a pitched roof in the front that will carry around one side of the house. The rest of the deck will be uncovered. The basement is mostly dry without a lot of issues.

Ms. Schopf asked when adding fill, if that will get them out of the floodplain.

Mr. Murphy responded that it would not.

Mr. Sullivan-Robinson explained that fill needs to be added to 585' above floodplain level. The basement level needs to be filled to 585' and the first floor needs to be at 587', otherwise the work will need to stop.

Mr. Murphy said that would not be cost effective.

Mr. Sullivan-Robinson replied that if the house is in the floodplain, it will need to meet flood proof standards. The neighbor to the north filled in their basement to 585' and the first floor was at 587' when remodeling to comply.

Mr. Murphy mentioned that a building permit has already been issued, but he was unable to receive one for the deck because of floodplain. If the basement needs to be filled in, it would negate the value of the home. He does not remember having this conversation or how this was missed.

Mr. Sullivan-Robinson replied this information was in multiple emails and those would be separate matters than current discussion. He suggested tabling this item.

Moved by Ms. Schopf to table this item to a future meeting. Motion failed due to a lack of second.

Mr. Chaudoir suggest continuing with the prepared variances requests since they would be needed either way.

Mr. Murphy addresses questions on deck dimensions, stating that the deck and entrances will be wider to access a wheelchair, there will be a roof on the deck in front and partial north side while the rest of the deck is uncovered.

Gary May, 133 N Lansing Avenue is in favor of the deck going all around the house and likes the improvements being made to the house.

There were no letters of correspondence in favor of the variance request.

No one spoke in opposition of the variance request.

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Mr. Murphy expressed that this has been a challenging project. The house will be very nice when finished. The deck will be in compliance and a nice addition to the house.

Mr. Murrock asked the applicant to express hardship for the variance.

Mr. Murphy explained that if they do less than what they want to do, it would take away from the house. The need for a wheelchair ramp and having the entire house ADA compliant is for his father and considers those improvements as part of hardship.

Mr. Chaudoir questioned why the west side of the house is not filled to 586'.

Mr. Murphy explained it is because of grade going from yard to alleyway, tricky to drain.

Mr. Chaudoir asked if the grading of 15 feet is from the house or the end of the deck.

Mr. Sullivan-Robinson replied the 15 feet is from the house.

Mr. Augustson mentioned on the side by the street, if the two feet can be done under the deck and questioned the distance between steps of deck and street to neighboring houses.

Mr. Murphy said the two feet needed on the street side could definitely be done under the deck. The steps of the deck will be in line with another neighbor and a little forward than a couple others.

Mr. Shefchik stated the general grade of the property is draining towards the bay. Grade will need to remain the same at alley in order for drainage to occur.

Mr. Murrock asked if erosion control measures have to be followed.

Mr. Shefchik explained that with it being a residential site, silt fencing will be appropriate.

The public hearing was declared closed at 12:54 p.m.

Consideration of: Petition for variance from Section 20.27 (2-3) of the City of Sturgeon Bay Zoning Code and Section 23.04 (3)(a)(1) of the City of Sturgeon Bay Floodplain Zoning Code for Timothy Murphy, located at 123 N. Lansing Avenue:

Mr. Sullivan-Robinson explained that the members will need to vote on three separate variances. The following variances are requesting less of a fill buffer around the house to meet flood proofing requirements, street yard setback and side yard setback.

Moved by Chaudoir, seconded by Mr. Augustson to approve the fill variance request on the site plan and comply with necessary erosion control. Mr. Chaudoir's reasons are Mr. Murphy he is complying with the rules where he can on the west and north side and difficult to comply on the south side because of the driveway and alley. Mr. Augustson's reason are that fill of 15 feet around the lot line in difficult because houses in older neighborhoods were built near the lot line and he is not causing harm to other properties. Roll call: all ayes. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Chaudoir, seconded by Ms. Schopf to approve set back off of the right a way of 12' 9" or greater on the east side of building. Reasons include that a true hardship has not been identified. Roll call: all ayes. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Chaudoir, seconded by Ms. Rusnak to approve the variance for side yard setback, that it does not exceed the current set back. However, if damage to the railing or deck due to large ice/snow chunks being moved while snowplowing, owner is responsible for damage. Reasons for approval are that request is close to the current setback, which are currently non-conforming. Roll call: all ayes. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Augustson, seconded Ms. Schopf to adjourn. All ayes. Carried. The meeting adjourned at 1:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Spittlemeister, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer





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## **MEMO**

To: Zoning Board of Appeals

From: Christopher Sullivan-Robinson

Date: September 23, 2021

Subject: Variance Request – 1227 Egg Harbor Rd & Parcel # 281-62-10000117

Amy Labott, representing Austads, LLC, is requesting a variance to allow an impervious surface ratio of 82.6% for the property located at 1227 Egg Harbor Rd (Former Bank Mutual) and the adjoining parcel # 281-62-10000117. Ms. Labott intent is to relocate Ace Hardware to this site which would include the construction of a 30,870 square foot store with a 42,785 square foot paved parking lot (80 parking stalls). Section 20.27(1) limits lots zoned R-4, C-1, C-3, C-4, and C-5 to 70 percent impervious surface. This site is zoned General Commercial C-1 and allows the proposed use with administrative approval and subject to review by the Aesthetic Design and Site Plan Review Board.

#### Other Comments and Considerations:

- 1. The provisions of Chapter 20 were adopted to promote the health, safety, morals, comfort, prosperity and general welfare of the city, and to secure adequate light, pure air and safety from fire and other dangers, to conserve the taxable value of the land and buildings throughout the city, to preserve and enhance aesthetic value and to ensure aesthetic compatibility with neighboring property, and preserve the appropriate character of each area within the sound principles of zoning throughout the city.
- 2. The intent of the impervious surface limitation under section 20.27(1) is for the purpose of stormwater management and aesthetics. It is noted that a stormwater management plan is being completed by Baudhuin Inc.
- 3. The site is irregularly shaped as it angles off the street frontage and tapers in the back. This is considered a physical property limitation, because it makes it more difficult to efficiently layout a building and parking lot on the site, leading to access pavement.
- 4. With the exception of the Jim Olson site to the west at 63% impervious, all other adjoining properties exceed the impervious surface ratio including McDonalds (85% Impervious), Cherry Point Mall (95% Impervious), Sure Store (81% Impervious), Virlee Gunworks (79% Impervious), Best Western (71% Impervious).
- 5. Because of the large building size; more specifically the large retail area, the property is required to provide approximately 80 stalls depending on the percentage of general retail space versus retail space specifically for appliances and furniture. This appears to be compliant with the zoning code.

The Board has the ability to approve the variance as petitioned or with conditions. In this case, the Board could also approve a partial variance. Or, deny the request if it does not satisfy the criteria for granting a variance (unnecessary hardship, unique physical property limitations, and protection of public interest). It is important that the Board provide reasons for granting or denying the variance using the criteria.

### CITY OF STURGEON BAY VARIANCE APPLICATION ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

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Received By:	

	APPLICANT/AGENT	LEGAL PROPERTY OWNER (if different)	
Name	Amy LaBott	Austads WC	
Company	Austads UC		
Street Address	321Jefforson St	321 JefforsonSt	
City/State/Zip	GUYGOON BOW WI 54235	Sturgeon Bay WI 54234	
Daytime Telephone No.	920-743 4417	920743 4417	
Fax No.	970 143 3387	920 143 3387	
STREET ADDRESS OF SUBJECT PROPERTY: 1227 Egg Hambor Rd Location if not assigned a common address:			
TAX PARCEL NUMBER: 281-62-100001037 281-62-10000117			
current zoning classification: COMMOYCLAL C1			
current use and improvements: FORMER BANK MUTUAL building - 10 be demolished			
IDENTIFY MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION PERTINENT TO REQUEST AND STATEMENT OF SPECIFIC ITEM BEING REQUESTED FOR REVIEW:  10.21 (1) IMPONIOUS SUFFACE			
ZONING AND USES OF ADJACENT SURROUNDING PROPERTIES: North: (TENERAL COMMERCIA) - MCDONALOS 71 CHEMY POINT MAI) South: (TENERAL COMMERCIA) - Storage - MICE GUNWERKS East: (TENERAL COMMERCIA) - PEST WESTERN West: GENERAL COMMERCIA - Jimolson Express-Vacant - incantract			

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1. Unnecessary hardship: Pease ser	c attached
2. Unique physical property limitation: Place	
3. Protection of public interest: PEOSC	see attached
HAVE THERE BEEN ANY VARIANCES, CONDITION PROPERTY? No IF YES, EXPLAIN:	ONAL USE PERMITS, ETC. GRANTED PREVIOUSLY FOR THIS
and Agreement for Reimbursement of expenses structures and buildings, proposed site improve  AMA AUSTUA LABOH  Property Owner (Print Name)	11" location map, construction plans for the proposed project, s. Site plan shall include dimensions of property, pertinent ements, signature of person who drew plan, etc.  Date
Applicant/Agent (Print Name) Sig	gnature Date
i,, have att and understand that I am responsible for sign p regard to the applicant.	tended a review meeting with at least one member of staff placement and following all stages listed on the check list in
Date of review meeting A	Applicant Signature Staff Signature
Attachments: Procedure & Check List Agreement For Reimbursement of Expenses	
STAFF USE ONLY	
Application conditions of approval or denial:	
Date Com	munity Development Director

#### **UNNECESSARY HARDSHIP:**

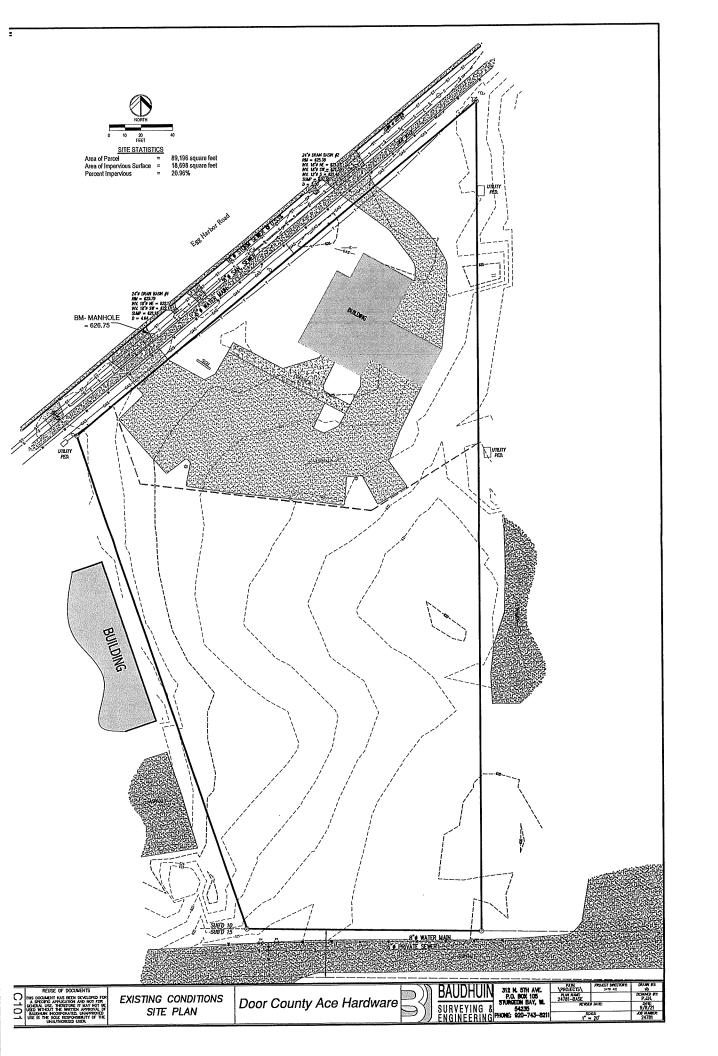
- Ace Hardware Corporation is requiring building to be a specific size for expansion
- Demand in the market for items that are not currently obtainable in Sturgeon Bay. Want to keep our community shopping in Door County
- Wide asphalt spaces are needed for semi deliveries. The semis will need to back into the loading dock area needing a large asphalt space to maneuver
- Ordinance that requires green space and parking

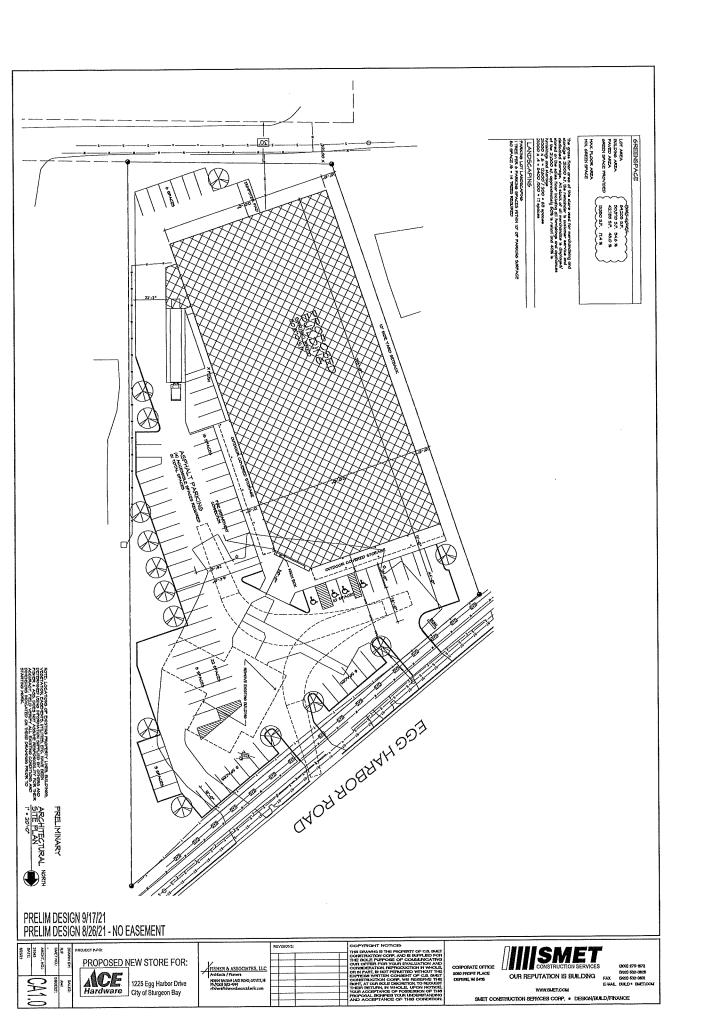
#### UNIQUE PHYSICAL PROPERTY LIMITATION:

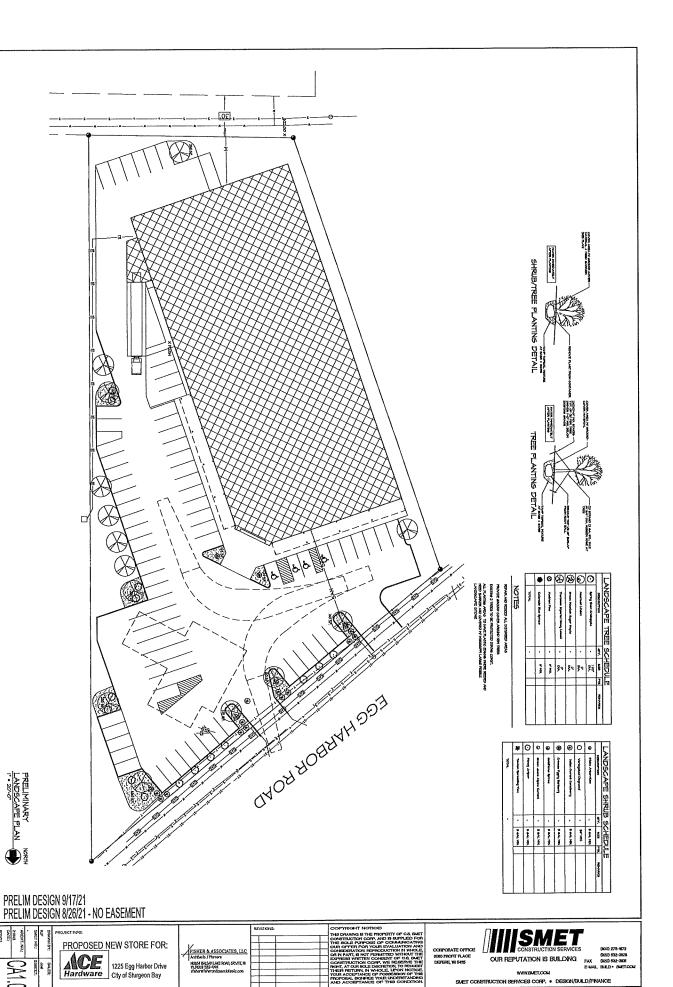
- Odd shape of lot
- Nontraditional lot size is driving unique design to parking reducing green space

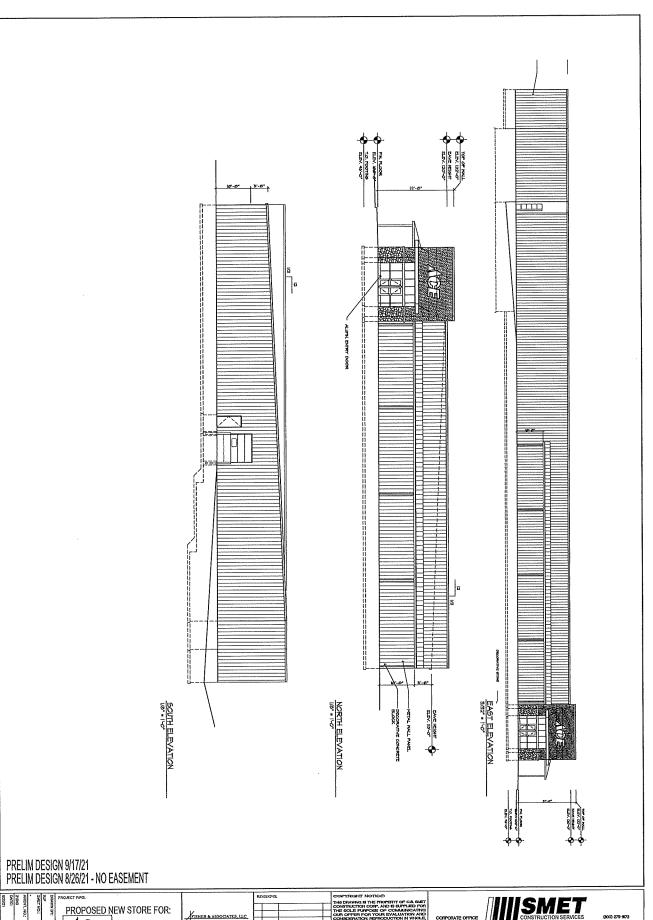
#### PROTECTION OF PUBLIC INTERST:

- Numerous properties surrounding exceed current impervious surface code
- Baudhuin Inc is engineering storm water to manage site run off to city standards even with increased impervious surface
- The is a separation of parking areas so there is not a sea of asphalt
- Majority of the green space will be on the front of the property (by Egg Harbor Road), instead of behind property









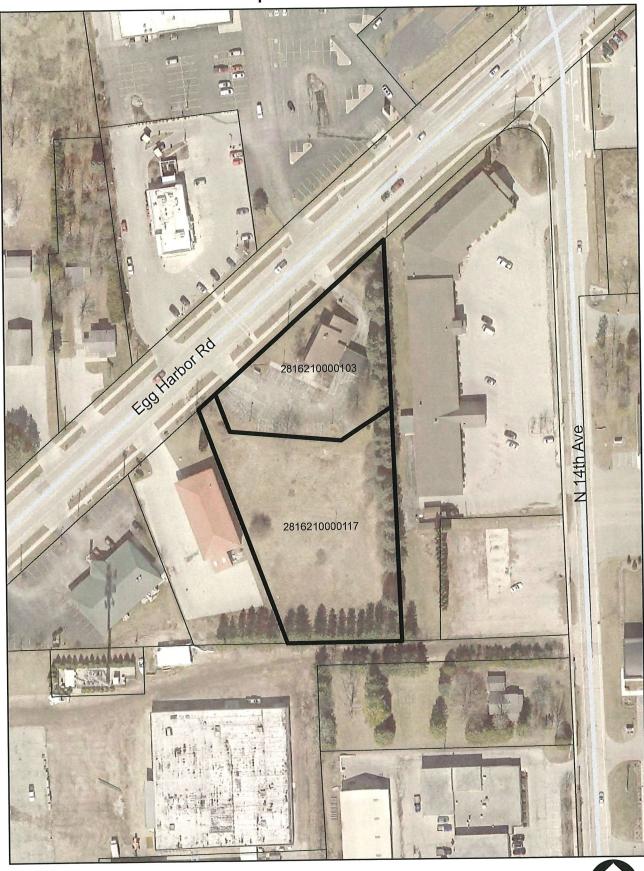
PROPOSED NEW STORE FOR:

ACE
Hardware

1225 Egg Harbor Drive
City of Sturgeon Bay

WWW.SMET.COM

## Location Map - 1227 Egg Harbor Rd Variance Request from Austad LLC







#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Sturgeon Bay Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing in the Council Chambers, 421 Michigan Street, Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin on Tuesday, September 28, 2021 at 12:00 noon or shortly thereafter, in regard to a request from Austads, LLC (Amy LaBott, Representative) for a variance from section 20.27(1) of the Sturgeon Bay Municipal Code (Zoning), which requires commercially zoned properties to limit impervious surfaces to not more than 70 percent of the total area of the lot. Austads, LLC intends to redevelop the former Bank Mutual property located at 1227 Egg Harbor Rd and the adjoining vacant property (parcel # 281-62-10000117) into the new Door County Ace Hardware store, with an impervious surface ratio of 82.6 percent. The variance application is on file with the Community Development Department and can be viewed at City Hall, 421 Michigan Street, weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. or on the city website at www.sturgeonbaywi.org. The public is invited to attend the hearing and give testimony in favor or against the proposed variance either in person at the hearing or in writing.

By order of: City of Sturgeon Bay Zoning Board of Appeals.