# VILLAGE OF FONTANA-ON-GENEVA LAKE WALWORTH COUNTY, WISCONSIN

#### **BOARD OF APPEALS**

Wednesday, October 6, 2021 @ 10:00 a.m.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a meeting of the Village of Fontana Board of Appeals will be held Wednesday, October 6, 2021 starting at 10:00 a.m. at the Fontana Village Hall, 175 Valley View Drive, Fontana, Wisconsin.

#### **AGENDA**

<u>Call Meeting to Order – Chairperson Pollitt</u> Roll Call

#### **General Business**

- 1) Public Hearing for Zoning Permit Application Filed by Linda Determan, 109 Cypress View Drive, Naples, FL 34113 for approval of a new residential construction on Lot 33 S. Lower Gardens Road, Parcel No. SG00040, which was denied by the Village of Fontana Zoning Administrator on July 7, 2021 due to noncompliance with zoning code section 18-32 Village Residential (SR-5) District. Case to be heard at 10:00 am.
  - a. Statement of nature of case.
  - b. Appellant's side of case.
  - c. Questions by Board members.
  - d. Village side of case.
  - e. Questions by Board members.
  - f. Statements by interested persons.
  - g. Questions by Board members.
  - h. Appellant's or applicant's rebuttal.
- 2) Decision and Disposition of case.

#### Adjournment

Dated this 1<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2021 Posted: Village Hall, Fontana Library, Post Office, Website Stephanie Smith, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer villageclerk@villageoffontana.com

Please note that, upon reasonable notice, efforts will be made to accommodate the needs of disabled individuals through appropriate aids and services. For additional information or request this service, contact the Village of Fontana Clerk between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. @ 262-275-6136 or write to P.O. Box 200, Fontana, Wisconsin 53125.

Note: It is possible that members of and possibly a quorum of members of other governmental bodies of the municipality may be in attendance at the above stated meeting to gather information; no action will be taken by any governmental body at the above stated meeting other than the governmental body specifically referred to above in this notice and agenda.

### SG 00040 (Lot 33 The Gardens Subdivision) Linda Determan

#### Variance

#### Review

The applicant presented an application for a Variance along with a signed cost recovery. Per Section 18-253(e) a public hearing is required for all variances.

The applicant is requesting a variance from Section 18-32 of the Village of Fontana Zoning Ordinance which requires a minimum shore yard setback of 75 feet for **new structures placed on vacant lots** as of the date of the zoning ordinance. The request is to construct a new residence located 35 feet from the ordinary high water mark of the creek

Per Section 18-253(d)(2), the zoning administrator shall review the application and evaluate and comment on the written justification for the proposed variance provided in the application per the following:

- a. What exceptional or extraordinary circumstances or special factors are present which apply only to the subject property? The response to this question shall clearly indicate how the subject property contains factors which are not present on other properties in the same zoning district. Specifically:
- 1. The hardship or difficulty shall be peculiar to the subject property and different from that of other properties, and not one which affects all properties similarly. Such a hardship or difficulty shall have arisen because of the unusual shape of the original acreage parcel; unusual topography or elevation; or because the property was created before the passage of the current, applicable zoning regulations, and is not economically suitable for a permitted use or will not accommodate a structure of reasonable design for a permitted use if all area, yard, green space, and setback requirements are observed. The location of the creek behind the lot significantly reduces the buildable area of the lot to a narrow band that is insufficient for construction of a residence.
  - 2. Loss of profit or pecuniary hardship shall not, in and of itself, be grounds for a variance. Not applicable.
- 3. Self-imposed hardship shall not be grounds for a variance. Reductions resulting from the sale of portions of a property reducing the remainder of said property below buildable size or cutting off existing access to a public right-of-way or deed restrictions imposed by the owner's predecessor in title are considered to be such self-imposed hardships. **Not applicable.** 
  - 4. Violations by, or variances granted to, neighboring properties shall not justify a variance. Not applicable.
- 5. The alleged hardship shall not be one that would have existed in the absence of a zoning ordinance. (For example, if a lot were unbuildable because of topography in the absence of any or all setback requirements.) Not applicable.
- b. In what manner do the factors identified in subsection (2)a, above, prohibit the development of the subject property in a manner similar to that of other properties under the same zoning district? The response to this question shall clearly indicate how the requested variance is essential to make the subject property developable so that property rights enjoyed by the owners of similar properties can be enjoyed by the owners of the subject property. The effective usable area for construction of a standard home is very small. The residences on the parcels adjoining in the immediate area are located close to the creek as well.
- c. Would the granting of the proposed variance be of substantial detriment to adjacent properties? The response to this question shall clearly indicate how the proposed variance will have no substantial impact on adjacent properties. The new residence will meet the street yard and side yard setbacks and will not be closer to neighboring properties than normal.
- d. Would the granting of the proposed variance as depicted on the required site plan, result in a substantial or undue adverse impact on the character of the neighborhood, environmental factors, traffic factors, parking, public improvements, public property or rights-of-way, or other matters affecting the public health, safety or general welfare, either as they now exist or as they may in the future be developed as a result of the implementation of the intent,

provisions, and policies of this chapter, the comprehensive plan, or any other plan, program, map, or ordinance adopted or under consideration pursuant to official notice by the village or other governmental agency having jurisdiction to guide growth and development? The response to this question shall clearly indicate how the proposed variance will have no substantial impact on such long-range planning matters. **Not applicable.** 

e. Have the factors which present the reason for the proposed variance been created by the act of the application or previous property owner or their agent (for example: previous development decisions such as building placement, floor plan, or orientation, lot pattern, or grading) after the effective date of this chapter. The response to this question shall clearly indicate that such factors existed prior to the effective date of this chapter and were not created by action of the applicant, a previous property owner, or their agent. The lot is a legal parcel of record which existed prior to the current effective zoning ordinance regulations.

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July 7, 2021

Linda C. Determan 2021 West Shore Drive Delafield, WI 53018

RE: Zoning Permit Application Dated June 30, 2021: Proposed New Construction, Tax Parcel #SG 00040, Lower Gardens Road

Dear Ms. Determan,

Our department is in receipt of a zoning permit application dated June 30, 2021 requesting the approval of new residential construction on the above referenced parcel.

Please accept this correspondence as notice that this application has been denied for the following reason(s):

The proposed construction does not meet the requirements of Section 18-32 of the Village of Fontana Zoning Ordinance which requires a minimum shore yard setback of 75 feet for new structures placed on vacant lots as of the date of the zoning ordinance.

A review conducted by the Department of Building & Zoning noted the proposed residence is located within the required shore yard setback. The required shore yard setback is 75 feet. The proposed residence is located approximately 40 feet from the ordinary high water mark of a navigable waterway.

At this time you may choose to:

- Do nothing and abandon the proposed construction;
- Resubmit proposed construction that meets all the requirements of the zoning district the property is located in; or,
- Appeal the decision within thirty (30) days to seek a variance by approval of the Village of Fontana Zoning Board of Appeals.

If you should decide to move forward with appealing the decision of our department, please contact Village Administrator Theresa Loomer and apply for a variance within thirty (30) days.

Respectfully,
Bonnie Schaeffer
Zoning Administrator
Department of Building & Zoning

cc: Theresa Loomer, Village Administrator James Coats

# Variance Application

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# Village of Fontana Zoning Board of Adjustment/Appeals

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Part	1:	Gen	eral	in	forn	natio	nn

To be completed jointly by the applicant and zoning staff.

Village of Fontana

Petition #	Date filed \$	fee paid (payable to)
	Owner	Agent/Contractor
Name	Linda Determan	James Coats /Coats Const. Co. LLC
Address	109 Cypress View Dr.	PO Box 28
	Naples, FL 34113	Fontana, WI 53125
Phone	262-370-0256	925-518-7148
City/Village/ Property Add Lot area & d Zoning distri	ption: <u>SE</u> 1/4, <u>NW</u> 1/4, S <u>11</u> , T <u>1</u> N, Town of <u>Fontana-on-Geneva-Lake</u> dress <u>Lot 33 of Gardens</u> Tax paimensions: <u>10350</u> sq. ft., <u>90'</u> ict <u>SR - 4</u>	x <u>115</u> ft.
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Description a	and location of all nonconforming structers of any.	ures & uses on the property:
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#### Part 2: Variance Standards Questionnaire

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V	vill limit the home design to unreasonable building shape and size.
2.	In what manner do the factors identified in subsection (1), above, prohibit the development of the subject property in a manner similar to that of other properties

under the same zoning district? The response to this question shall clearly indicate how the requested variance is essential to make the subject property developable so that property rights enjoyed by the owners of similar properties can be enjoyed by

the owners of the subject property.

The relationship of the front and rear set back limits the physical depth of a house to 16' deep on the west end and tapering to 7' deep on the east end of property.

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		None known

#### Part 3: Site and Construction Plans

To be completed and submitted by the applicant.

Attach a site plan drawn to scale. A registered survey is recommended, but not required. Show the following:

- Property lines
- Vegetation removal proposed
- Ordinary high water mark
- □ Floodplain & wetland boundaries
- Dimensions, locations & setbacks of existing & proposed structures
- Utilities, roadways & easements
- □ Location & extent of filling/grading
- Any other construction related to your request
- ☐ Anticipated project start date September 1, 2021

#### Attach construction plans.

- Elevations from all relevant directions showing existing and proposed views, with notation showing the existing structure and proposed addition(s).
- □ Interior floor plans of existing and proposed structures.

I certify that the information I have provided in this application is true and accurate.

Signed: (applicant/agent/owner)

Remit to:

Zoning Administrator

Village of Fontana 175 Valley View Drive

P.O. Box 200

Fontana, WI 53125



# VILLAGE OF FONTANA on GENEVA LAKE

175 Valley View Road P. O. Box 200 Fontana, WI 53125 262-275-6136 phone 262-275-8088 fax

### Cost Recovery Certificate and Agreement

Pursuant to Ordinance 10-6-97-1 and Section 18-236 of the Village of Fontana Municipal Code

The undersigned applicant hereby acknowledges and agrees to be bound by Ordinance 10-6-97-1 as codified at Section 18-236 of the Village of Fontana Municipal Code, providing for village recovery of all village costs and disbursements incurred directly or indirectly related to the Applicant's request. All costs incurred by the village in the consideration of any requests by the Applicant related to the Applicant's request shall be recoverable, including, but not limited to, all professional and technical consultant services and fees retained by the village and rendered in review of any application, including the engineer, planner, attorney, or any other professional or expert hired by the village for purposes of review of the application or pre-submission request. The Applicant agrees to reimburse the Village for all costs recoverable pursuant to the terms of the above numbered ordinance within the time period set forth in the Village of Fontana Municipal Code. At no time shall any cost recoverable fees be waived, except through the process of a written request by the Applicant to the Village Board, review and evaluation by the Village Board, and official action taken by the Village Board.

PROJECT INFORMATION PROJECT NAME	Coats Residence	
PROJECT ADDRESS	Lot 33 Fontana, WI 53125	
APPLICANT INFORMATION NAME: MAILING (BILLING) ADDRESS:	James A Coats PO Box 28	
PHONE:	925-518-7148	
EMAIL:	jimc@coatscc.com	
ATTORNEY INFORMATION NAME:		
PHONE:		
EMAIL:		
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT:	Jan a. Cont	
	Dated this day of	,Z02/

Note to Applicant:

The Village Engineer, Attorney and other Village professionals and staff, if requested by the Village to review your request, will bill for their time at an hourly rate which is adjusted from time to time by agreement with the Village. Please inquire as to the current hourly rate you can expect for this work. In addition to these rates, you will be asked to reimburse the Village for those additional costs set forth in Section 18-236 of the Municipal Code.

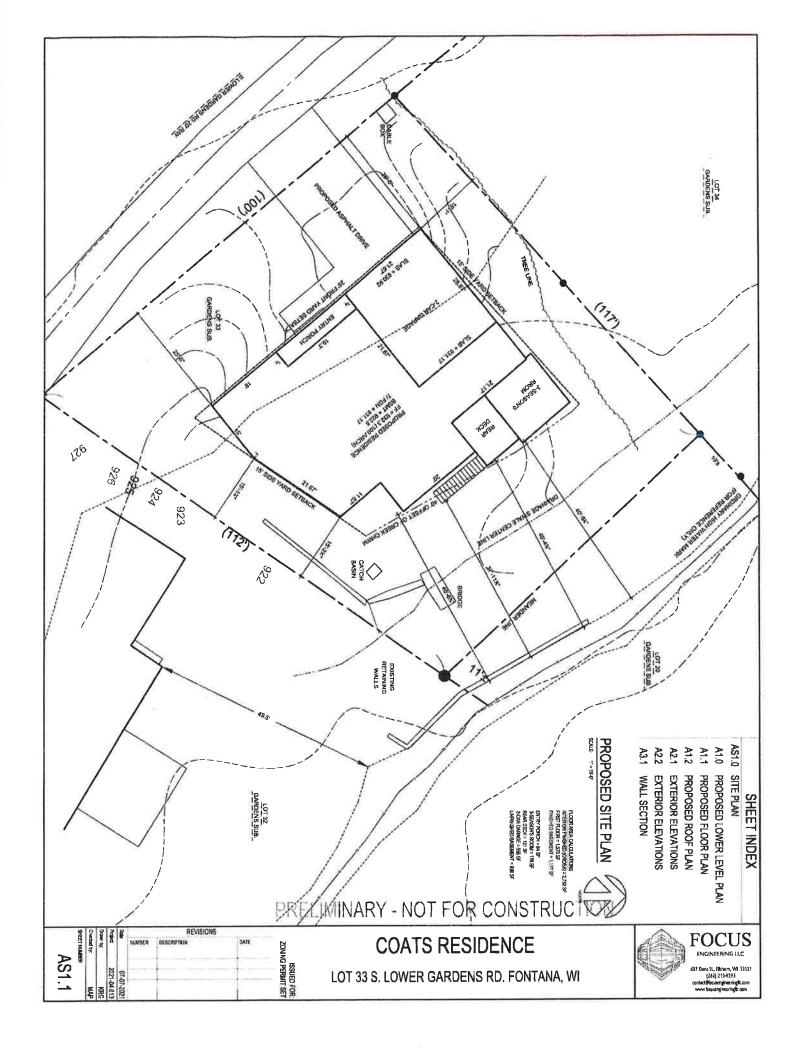
#### (e) Board of appeals.

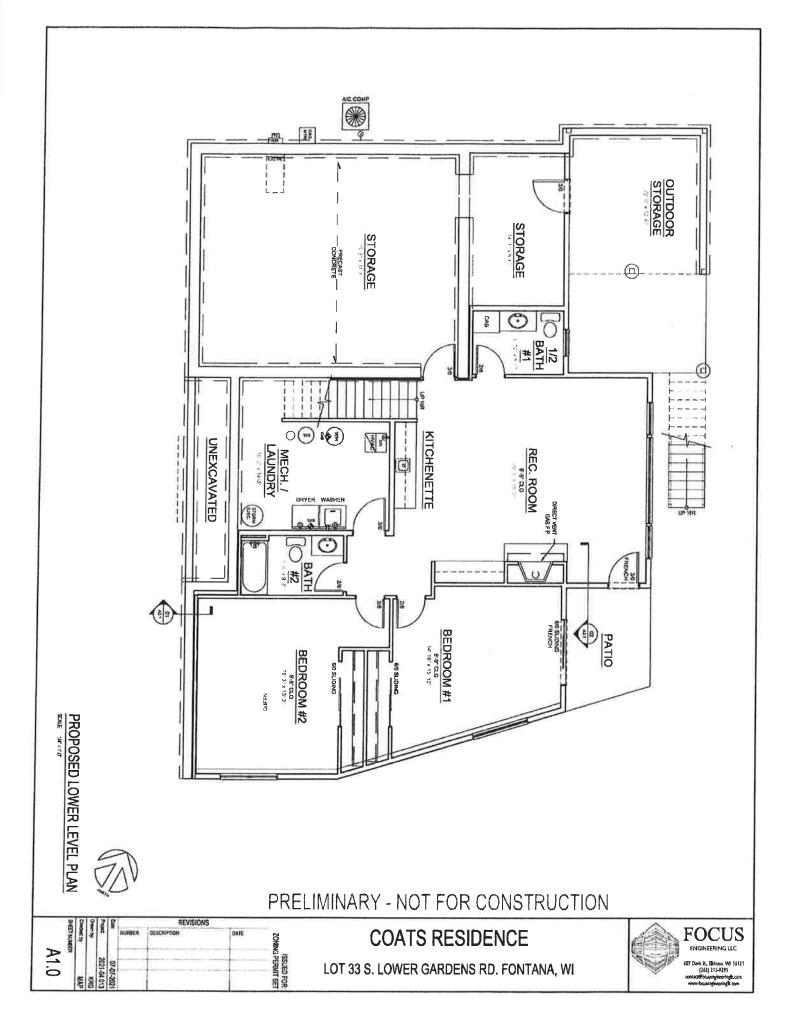
- 1. The council which enacts zoning regulations pursuant to this section shall by ordinance provide for the appointment of a board of appeals, and shall provide in such regulations that said board of appeals may, in appropriate cases and subject to appropriate conditions and safeguards, make special exceptions to the terms of the ordinance in harmony with its general purpose and intent and in accordance with general or specific rules therein contained. Nothing in this subdivision shall preclude the granting of special exceptions by the city plan commission or the common council in accordance with the zoning regulations adopted pursuant to this section which were in effect on July 7, 1973 or adopted after that date.
- 2. The board of appeals shall consist of 5 members appointed by the mayor subject to confirmation of the common council for terms of 3 years, except that of those first appointed one shall serve for one year, 2 for 2 years and 2 for 3 years. The members of the board shall serve at such compensation to be fixed by ordinance, and shall be removable by the mayor for cause upon written charges and after public hearing. The mayor shall designate one of the members as chairperson. The board may employ a secretary and other employees. Vacancies shall be filled for the unexpired terms of members whose terms become vacant. The mayor shall appoint, for staggered terms of 3 years, 2 alternate members of such board, in addition to the 5 members above provided for. Annually, the mayor shall designate one of the alternate members as 1st alternate and the other as 2nd alternate. The 1st alternate shall act, with full power, only when a member of the board refuses to vote because of interest or when a member is absent. The 2nd alternate shall so act only when the 1st alternate so refuses or is absent or when more than one member of the board so refuses or is absent. The above provisions, with regard to removal and the filling of vacancies, shall apply to such alternates.
- 3. The board shall adopt rules in accordance with the provisions of any ordinance adopted pursuant to this section. Meetings of the board shall be held at the call of the chairperson and at such other times as the board may determine. The chairperson, or in the chairperson's absence, the acting chairperson, may administer oaths and compel the attendance of witnesses. All meetings of the board shall be open to the public. The board shall keep minutes of its proceedings, showing the vote of each member upon each question, or, if absent or failing to vote, indicating such fact, and shall keep records of its examinations and other official actions, all of which shall be immediately filed in the office of the board and shall be a public record.
- **3m.** If a quorum is present, the board of appeals may take action under this subsection by a majority vote of the members present.
- 4. Appeals to the board of appeals may be taken by any person aggrieved or by any officer, department, board or bureau of the city affected by any decision of the administrative officer. Such appeal shall be taken within a reasonable time, as provided by the rules of the board, by filing with the officer from whom the appeal is taken and with the board of appeals a notice of appeal specifying the grounds thereof. The officer from whom the appeal is taken shall forthwith transmit to the board all the papers constituting the record upon which the action appealed from was taken.
- 5. An appeal shall stay all legal proceedings in furtherance of the action appealed from, unless the officer from whom the appeal is taken certifies to the board of appeals after the notice of appeal shall have been filed with the officer, that by reason of facts stated in the certificate a stay would, in the officer's opinion, cause imminent peril to life or property. In such case proceedings shall not be stayed otherwise than by a restraining order which may be granted by the board of appeals or by a court of record on application, on notice to the officer from whom the appeal is taken, and on due cause shown.
- 6. The board of appeals shall fix a reasonable time for the hearing of the appeal or other matter referred to it, and give public notice thereof, as well as due notice to the parties in interest, and decide the same within a reasonable time. Upon the hearing any party may appear in person or by agent or by attorney. In any action involving a listed property, as defined in s. 44.31 (4), the board shall consider any suggested alternatives or recommended decision submitted by the landmarks commission or the planning commission.

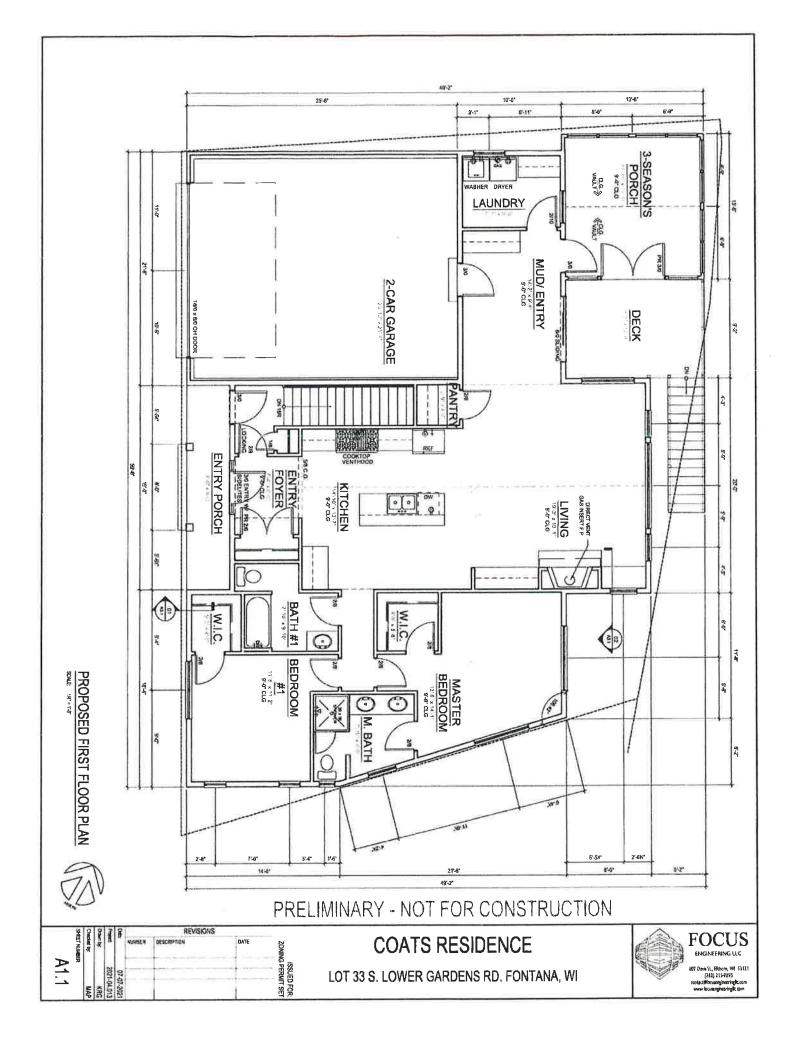
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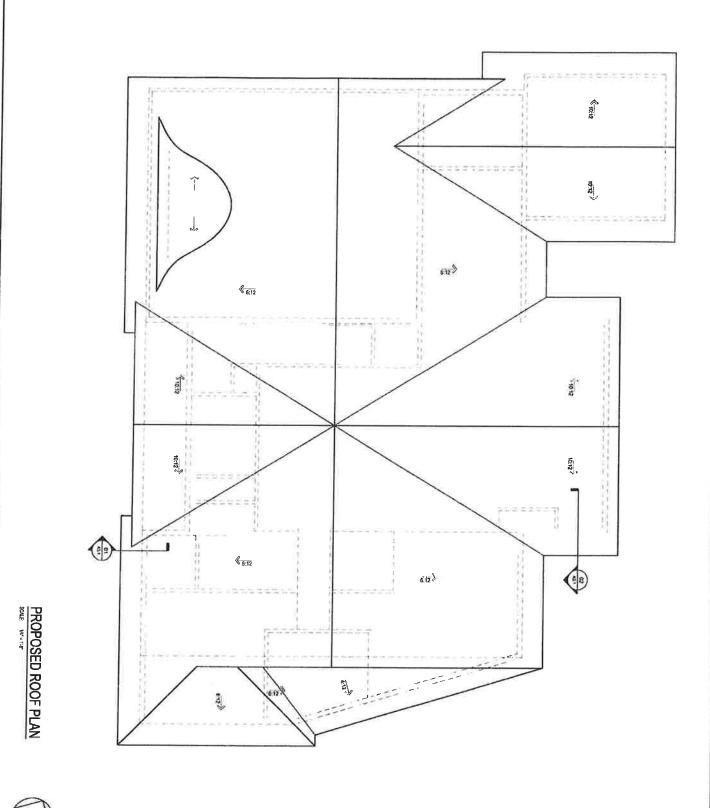
- a. In this subdivision, "area variance" means a modification to a dimensional, physical, or locational requirement such as a setback, frontage, height, bulk, or density restriction for a structure that is granted by the board of appeals under this paragraph. In this subdivision, "use variance" means an authorization by the board of appeals under this paragraph for the use of land for a purpose that is otherwise not allowed or is prohibited by the applicable zoning ordinance.
- b. The board of appeals shall have the following powers: To hear and decide appeals where it is alleged there is error in any order, requirement, decision, or determination made by an administrative official in the

- enforcement of this section or of any ordinance adopted pursuant thereto; to hear and decide special exception to the terms of the ordinance upon which such board is required to pass under such ordinance; to authorize upon appeal in specific cases such variance from the terms of the ordinance as will not be contrary to the public interest, where, owing to special conditions, a literal enforcement of the provisions of the ordinance will result in practical difficulty or unnecessary hardship, so that the spirit of the ordinance shall be observed, public safety and welfare secured, and substantial justice done.
- c. The board may permit in appropriate cases, and subject to appropriate conditions and safeguards in harmony with the general purpose and intent of the ordinance, a building or premises to be erected or used for such public utility purposes in any location which is reasonably necessary for the public convenience and welfare.
- d. A property owner bears the burden of proving "unnecessary hardship," as that term is used in this subdivision, for an area variance, by demonstrating that strict compliance with a zoning ordinance would unreasonably prevent the property owner from using the property owner's property for a permitted purpose or would render conformity with the zoning ordinance unnecessarily burdensome or, for a use variance, by demonstrating that strict compliance with a zoning ordinance would leave the property owner with no reasonable use of the property in the absence of a variance. In all circumstances, a property owner bears the burden of proving that the unnecessary hardship is based on conditions unique to the property, rather than considerations personal to the property owner, and that the unnecessary hardship was not created by the property owner.
- e. The council of a city may enact an ordinance specifying an expiration date for a variance granted under this subdivision if that date relates to a specific date by which the action authorized by the variance must be commenced or completed. If no such ordinance is in effect at the time a variance is granted, or if the board of appeals does not specify an expiration date for the variance, a variance granted under this subdivision does not expire unless, at the time it is granted, the board of appeals specifies in the variance a specific date by which the action authorized by the variance must be commenced or completed. An ordinance enacted after April 5, 2012, may not specify an expiration date for a variance that was granted before April 5, 2012.
- f. A variance granted under this subdivision runs with the land.
- 8. In exercising the above mentioned powers such board may, in conformity with the provisions of such section, reverse or affirm, wholly or partly, or may modify the order, requirement, decision or determination appealed from, and may make such order, requirement, decision or determination as ought to be made, and to that end shall have all the powers of the officer from whom the appeal is taken, and may issue or direct the issue of a permit.
- 10. Any person or persons, jointly or severally aggrieved by any decision of the board of appeals, or any taxpayer, or any officer, department, board or bureau of the municipality, may, within 30 days after the filing of the decision in the office of the board of appeals, commence an action seeking the remedy available by certiorari. The court shall not stay proceedings upon the decision appealed from, but may, on application, on notice to the board of appeals and on due cause shown, grant a restraining order. The board of appeals shall not be required to return the original papers acted upon by it, but it shall be sufficient to return certified or sworn copies thereof. If necessary for the proper disposition of the matter, the court may take evidence, or appoint a referee to take evidence and report findings of fact and conclusions of law as it directs, which shall constitute a part of the proceedings upon which the determination of the court shall be made. The court may reverse or affirm, wholly or partly, or may modify, the decision brought up for review.
- 14. Costs shall not be allowed against the board unless it shall appear to the court that the board acted with gross negligence or in bad faith, or with malice, in making the decision appealed from.
- 15. All issues in any proceedings under this section shall have preference over all other civil actions and proceedings.











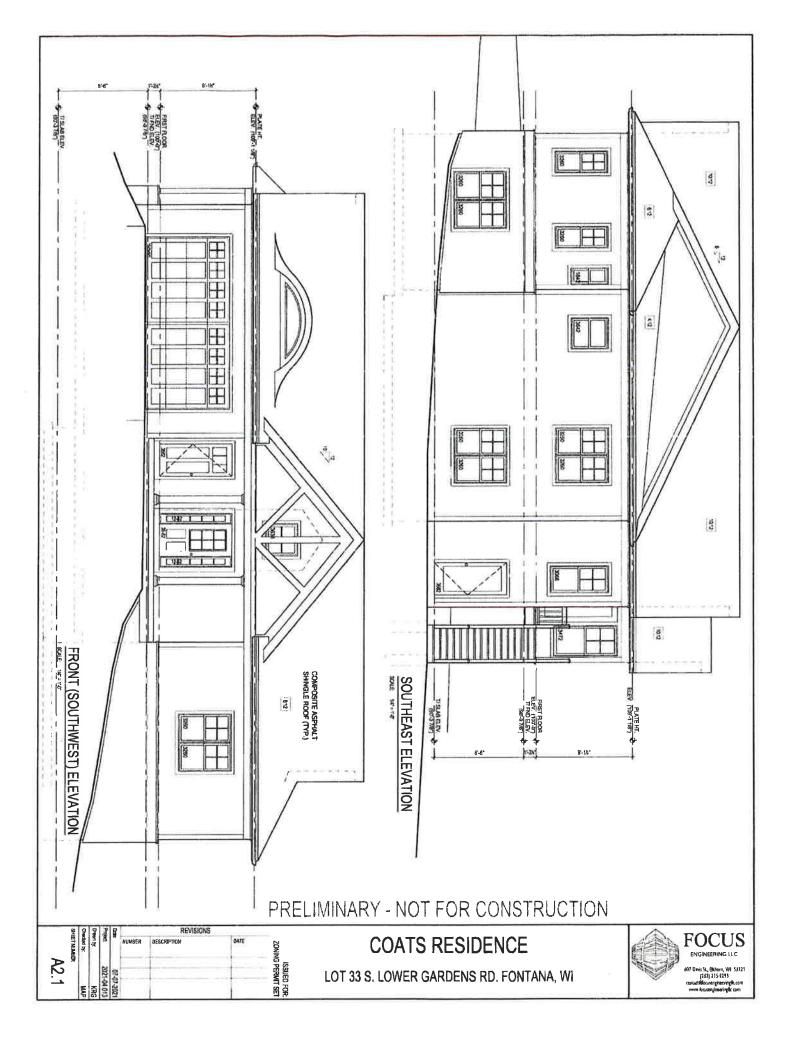
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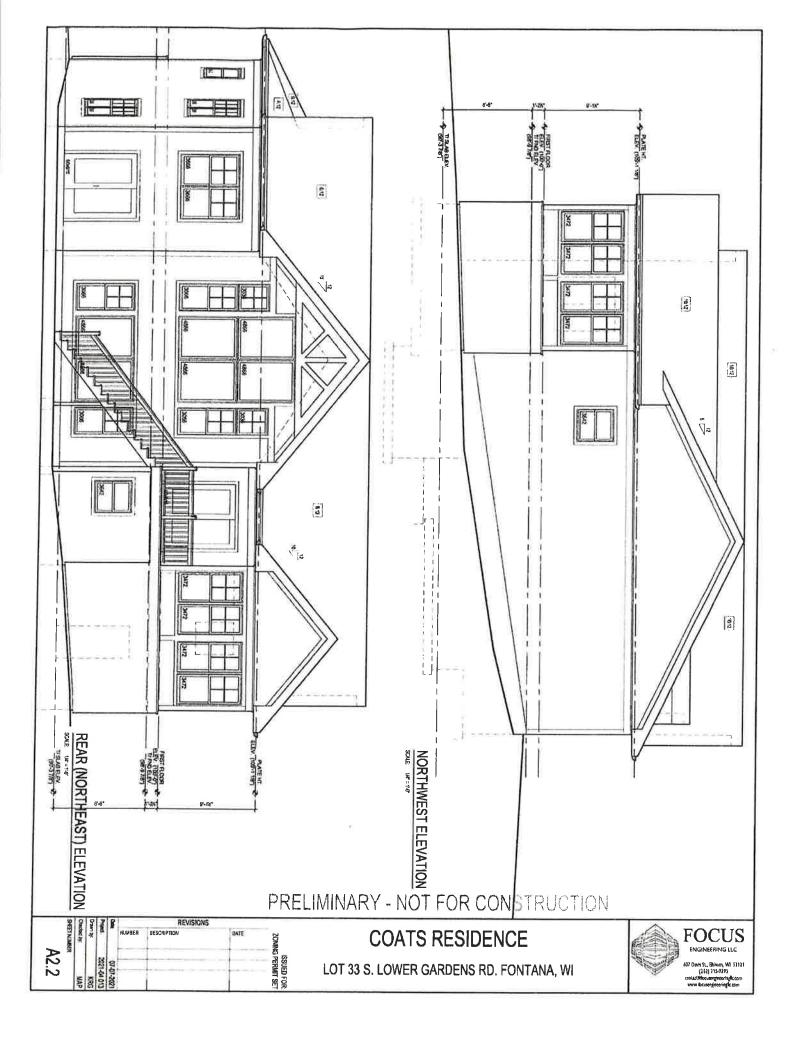
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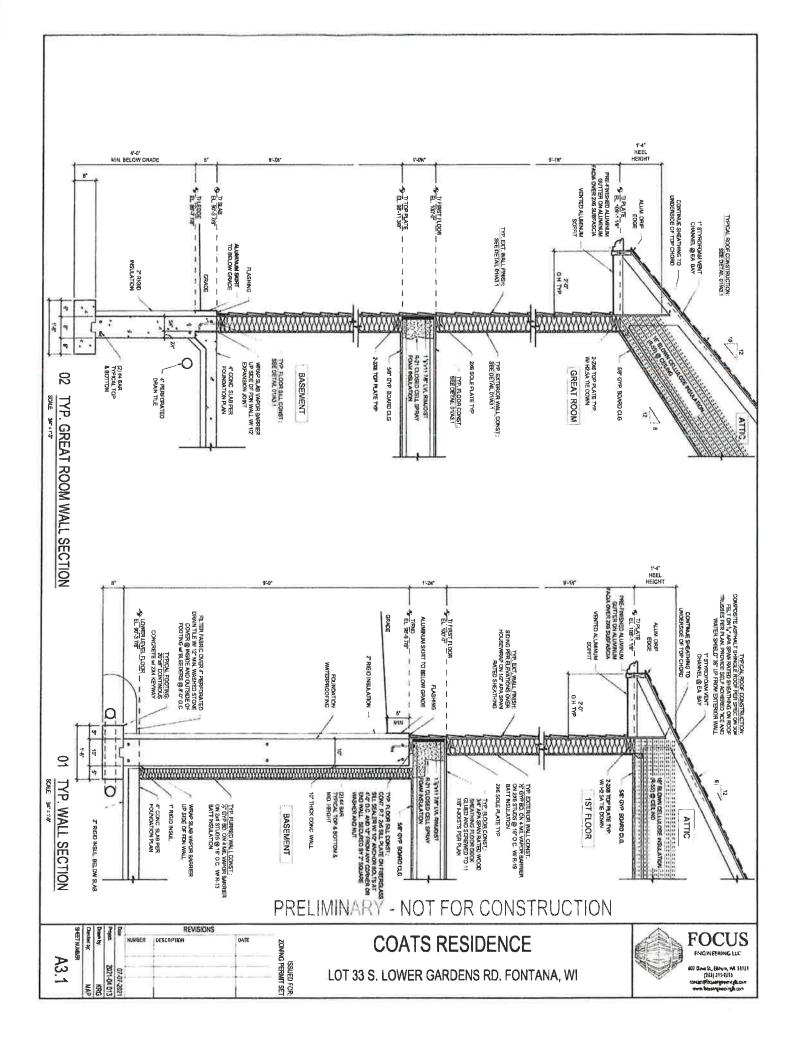
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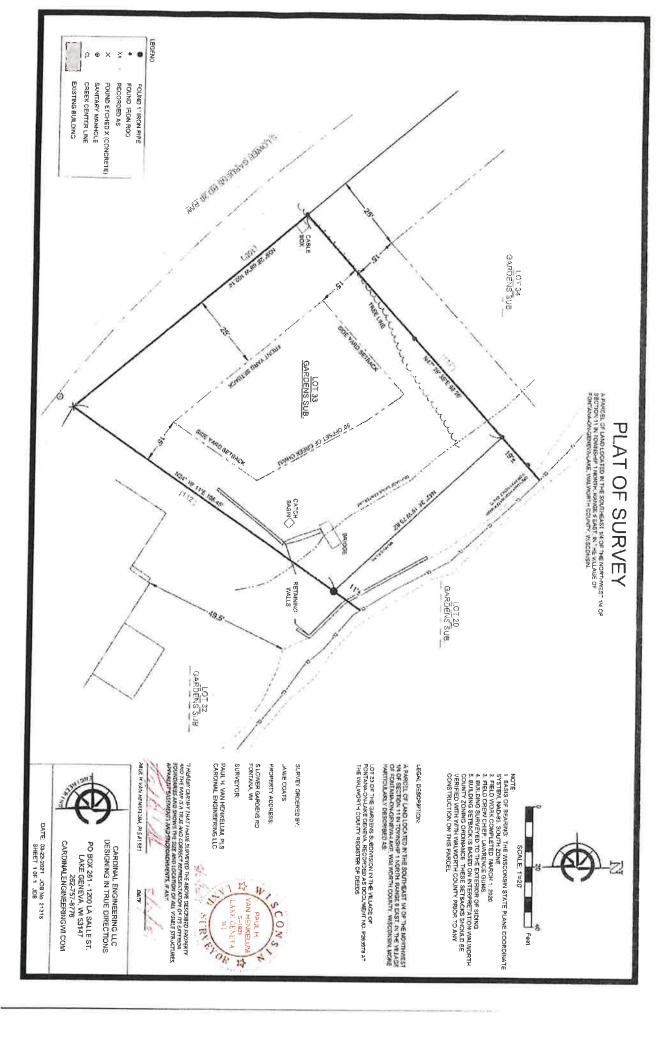
LOT 33 S. LOWER GARDENS RD. FONTANA, WI













August 2, 2021

Town Council own of Fontana Sussex, WI

RE: Creek Exhibit

To whom it may concern,

Jin Coals

On June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021 we asked Cardinal Civil Engineers to provide a drawing showing the distance from the OHWM to the existing neighboring properties and structures on the White Creek. Sincerely,

Jim Coats

**Coats Construction Company LLC** 



PO 80X 281 - 1220 LA SALLE ST.
LAKE GENEVA, WI \$3147
252-757-8775
CARDINALENGINEER/NOWI,COM CARDINAL ENGINEERING LLC DESIGNING IN TRUE DIRECTIONS

DATE 06-28-2021 JOS No. 21218 SHEET 1 0F 1 LV/S



SCALE: 1'=20'

## **Stephanie Smith**

From:

Marlene Vail <lowergardens@yahoo.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, September 28, 2021 1:04 PM

To:

Theresa Loomer

**Subject:** 

Lot 33 - South Lower Gardens Rd

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### To whom it may concern:

I am against any variance to the building code related to this lot, and certainly not moving any existing waterway.

Thank you,

Marlene D. Vail 323 S. Lower Gardens Road Fontana, WI 53125

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#### **Stephanie Smith**

From:

Paul Wukasch <paulrwukasch@icloud.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, September 29, 2021 2:18 PM

To:

Village Clerk

Cc:

Jim Kelly

Subject:

Hearing / zoning - lot 33 lower gardens, Fontana

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My name is Paul Wukasch and I have owned property, house and land, in LowerGardens for last 35 years. Although I am not aware of all the considerations and details of the requested appeals and variance, I can say that my wife and I are very concerned that any development actions resulting in any detrimental way as to be environmentally harmful, as well as and just as importantly, visually unacceptable by most neighboring property owners, and to this end we are against such actions taken. We enjoy and cherish our community and our Association grounds and feel privileged to own in this area, greatly due to its natural grounds and appeal of its landscape. We object to any development considerations that run contrary to existing regulation and governed protections in place that may harm or negate such likes and preference, such as building on too small a lot not in compliance with certain setbacks or respect for existing streams or waterways. We urge responsible building and zoning consideration now, as always. Kindly keep us informed as to how this issue and process materializes. Thank you . Paul and Janet Wukasch, 203 Fellows Ct., Elmhurst, I'll.,60126. Cell 6309756060.

Sent from my iPhone

#### **Stephanie Smith**

From:

Janet Wukasch <janetrwukasch@gmail.com>

Sent:

Thursday, September 30, 2021 7:28 PM

To:

Village Clerk

Cc:

adsolution@comcast.net

Subject:

October 6th Board of Appeals on Lot 33 S Lower Gardens

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Dear Stephanie Smith, the Zoning Board of Appeals & Jim Kelly (President of Lower Gardens Association),

My husband and I have been property owners at 315 S Lower Gardens for the last 35 years. Our property and the Lower Gardens in general are very special places for me and my family. We have enjoyed the unique and delicate oak/sugar maple woods along with many artisan springs at the bottom of this valley that is know as Lower Gardens. We have also witnessed the amazing amount of water that is funneled into this valley during a rainstorm and the destruction that has occurred many times.

The petition concerning a Zoning Permit application on lot 33 S Lower Gardens Rd, Parcel No. SG00040 is of great concern to me. This piece of land at times, because of the changing water table of the Gardens, can be a wetland and seems to be a much needed relief valve for the oftentimes great amounts of water coming from the sky above or from the water table that sits below. It is a constantly changing entity that would be a unwise to disrupt by building any structure at all, especially one requiring a change in code. I am completely against granting any adjustment of the code for this piece of land that quietly carries the burden of holding the water from so much development in the areas above and around our valley.

It would be wise to consider the impact of what changing this small piece of land would have on the surrounding neighbors, especially those down stream, Geneva Lake's water quality and our responsibility to future generations to preserve now so they have then.

With much sincerity, Janet Wukasch

Sent from my iPad