

PLANNING BOARD PROCEEDINGS BEMIDJI, MINNESOTA

REGULAR MEETING - June 9, 2025

Pursuant to due call and notice, a regular meeting of the Planning Board of the City of Bemidji, Beltrami County, Minnesota, was held on Monday, June 9, 2025 at 5:30 PM in the Council Chambers, Chair Thayer presiding.

ROLL CALL

Upon roll call, the following board members were declared present: Prince, Fiskevold Gould, Peterson, Dickinson, Rivera, Eaton, Thayer.

Staff Present: Planning Director Jamin Carlson, Assistant Planner Melissa Fahrenbruch, Compliance Inspector & Site Analyst David Wielenberg, Administrative Assistant Ainslee Krause.

Others Present: Troy Gilchrist, Town Law Center PLLP (via WebEx), John Hamrin, Reed Olson.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Prince, seconded by Peterson, approving agenda as presented. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

MINUTES

Planning Board Meeting: May 12, 2025

Motion by Eaton, seconded by Dickinson, approving minutes as presented. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

CONSENT AGENDA

Chair Thayer called for any amendments to be made to Consent Agenda. Motion by Prince, seconded by Eaton, to approve Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. The following Consent Agenda items were presented for approval:

Resolution to Revoke an Interim Use Permit - Parcels 800422900 & 800423000 - South Car Savings

VISITORS WITH BUSINESS BEFORE THIS BOARD – NOT ON AGENDA

No appearance.

NEW BUSINESS

Consider Variance Request - Parcel 800167100 - John Hamrin

Carlson presented the planning case request: John Hamrin is requesting a Variance from the OHWL & side yard setbacks and lot width requirements to build an attached lakeside deck on an existing lot of record in the R-4 Moderate Density Residential zoning district and the Shoreland Overlay (General Development Lake). The subject property is located at 1725 S Lake Irving Dr SW (PIN #80.01671.00) in the City of Bemidji. The requested variances are as follows:

1. A reduction of 7.1 feet from the OHW setback per Section 28-352 requirement of 50 feet from the ordinary high-water mark and at the building line.
2. A reduction of 2.23 feet from the side yard setback per Section 28-352 requirement of 10 feet for the proposed deck.
3. A reduction of 25 feet from the lot width minimum per Section 28-352 requirement of 100 feet.

The Planning Commission and staff recommend approval of three variances to build an attached lakeside deck on parcel # 800167100, 1725 S Lake Irving Dr SW, with the conditions and

findings of fact presented in the packet.

Board members made the following comments regarding the request:

- Rivera requested clarification on the erosion control plan. Carlson addressed the erosion control is required during construction to mitigate runoff.

Motion by Peterson, second by Fiskevold Gould, to approve Resolution 2025-16 for three variances to build an attached lakeside deck on parcel # 800167100, 1725 S Lake Irving Dr SW, with the findings of fact and conditions as presented. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: Ayes: Prince, Fiskevold Gould, Peterson, Dickinson, Rivera, Eaton, Thayer. Nays: None.

Wolfe Center Update - Parcel 800097900 - Reed Olson

Reed Olson, executive director of the Wolfe Center and the New Day Center, presented an update on the Nameless Coalition to the Planning Board.

STAFF REPORTS

Director's Report

Carlson presented the Director's Report.
Board members had the following comments:

- Members discussed.

Site Analyst and Enforcement Report

Wielenberg presented the Site Analyst & Enforcement Report.
Board members had the following comments:

- Members discussed.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Planning Board Meeting: Monday, July 14, 2025, 5:30 pm

ADJOURN

There being no further business, motion by Eaton, seconded by Peterson, to adjourn the meeting.
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Ainslee Krause
Planning & Building Administrative Assistant