

LYNDEN TOWNSHIP
PUBLIC HEARING – VARIANCE
DAN & SUSAN GEYEN
MAY 28, 2026

Those present were Supervisors Jaime Schultz-Ludenia, Scott O’Konek, and Todd Voight, Clerk Kelli Schuh and Planning Administrator James Kantor. Chair Schultz-Ludenia opened the meeting at 6:50 p.m., led the pledge of allegiance and opened the public hearing.

The purpose of tonight’s meeting is to consider a Variance application submitted by Dan & Sue Geyen at 18573 Dover Rd, Clearwater MN requesting a 5-foot (or more) variance. A variance is required according to Section 9.9.9 of Stearns County Zoning Ordinance #439 adopted by reference as Lynden Township Ordinance #7. The subject property is 19.10752.0000 described as Lot 3 & 4 Lumley addition, section 08, township 122, range 027.

The Planning Commission reviewed the application, conducted a site visit on April 20, 2026 formulated their Findings of Fact with conditions, and recommended approval as set out in their minutes.

Correspondence was received from neighbor Sue Haller, 18535 Dover Road, who in support of the application.

Neighbor Myron Schill was present and is in support of the application.

Schultz-Ludenia made a motion to close the public input portion of the public hearing at 7:00 p.m., seconded by Voigt, all in favor, motion passed.

The Board reviewed the Planning Commission’s (PC) Findings of Fact for the proposed variance. Schultz-Ludenia made a motion adopt the PC’s Finding of Fact as the Board’s findings, seconded by Voigt, all in favor, motion passed. The Board’s Findings of Fact are held within a separate document. Discussions were held on the conditions.

Schultz-Ludenia made a motion to approve variance application 26-02 for PID 19.10752.0000 to allow variance of 5 feet or more from the setback of Stearns County Ordinance #439, Section 9.9.9 for a garage, seconded by Voigt, all in favor, motion passed. The conditions are:

1. Variance approved for 5 feet of the existing building on the southwest corner of the property.
2. No additional building within the setback.
3. The accessory structure will not have a dwelling within the structure.
4. The property owner will save, defend, and hold the Township harmless in granting this variance.

Schultz-Ludenia made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Voigt, all in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelli Schuh, Clerk

Jaime Schultz-Ludenia, Chair