

Site View Minutes
October 2, 2021
Duane and Brenda Siegenthaler
7965 Ritschard Road. Parcels 0507-364-8501-5 and 0507-364-8070-7.

Plan Commission Attending:

Steve Flach
Gretchen Hayward
Martha Gibson
Jerry Judd
Lynn Pitman

Duane and Brenda Siegenthaler would like to install an in-ground pool in the back yard of their house, which sits on a 1.8 acre lot zoned SFR-1. The house and yard on the non-conforming parcel was purchased by the Siegenthalers in the 1990's, along with 4 other surrounding parcels which total over 70 acres. Much of those parcels is cropland and is zoned FP-35.

The actual lot line of the 1.8 acre parcel is just off the back of the house. The mowed back yard area, which is not extensive, existed at the time of the sale to the Siegenthalers, and extends beyond the house parcel lot line [approximately 100 feet]** into their adjoining farmland property parcel.

The planned pool site is in the mowed back yard area approximately 50 feet]** from the house. In the process of having plans made for the construction of the pool, the Siegenthalers learned that the pool site, as well as much of the back yard, was on the farmland parcel.

The Planning Commission members agreed that the discrepancy between the lot line and the back yard area was small. The yard had been treated as part of the house parcel since before it was purchased, and the size of the parcel have been approved under the current version of the land use plan. It was recommended that the Siegenthalers contact the County and investigate reconfiguring and enlarging the house parcel to include the mowed back yard area and the farm buildings on the adjacent parcel to create a conforming RR-4 parcel. Under this configuration the construction of the pool would be allowed.

Submitted: Lynn Pitman
October 17, 2021

** as amended and approved October 18th, 2021 – Ruth Hansen