

Subject: Variance and permit for Garage at Muller residence

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Mr. Mason:

I'd like to voice my support for the variance and permit for the garage at the Muller residence. The Muller's have been not just honorable neighbors but superlative in all capacities as a neighbor. Unfortunately, grace is lacking today quite often yet both Bob and Carol Muller have demonstrated that it isn't gone. They have enriched our experiences as cabin owners and have been pivotal in our enjoyment of the cabin life. You see Bob and Carol were some of the first to welcome us to Gull Lake, that same welcome has never disappeared. Whether they are checking on our cabin, going beyond in their share of driveway or neighborly maintenance or securing our place after a storm, Bob and Carol set the example of how to be gracious and generous. I'm blessed to have them as a neighbor.

As times changes, so do we as homeowners and how we embrace the cabin life. East Gull Lake has already been in the middle of the battle of how we as homeowners desire to co-exist with nature and balance the stress we as humans place on our natural resources. I specifically chose to purchase on Gull lake for the balance between nature and the proximity to modern conveniences. I thank East Gull Lake for their foresight and planning for helping us all balance these needs and our mutually aligned goals of maintaining the health of Gull Lake and our natural resources. East Gull Lake is blessed with a community of homeowners that are vast in economic capacities. This too present additional challenges for maintaining the evolution of change while some like the days of past, and some are ready to shape and enjoy the lake for the future. With these colliding desire, we all must practice reason as the conflicts become perilous for the homeowners and the city alike.

I've had direct first-hand experience with the Muller's that they share the same respect for our lake as myself. Together we have strategized over rain collection gardens, run-off plans, and how to best maintain our lake. Bob clearly cares for not just the use of Gull Lake but lives for the days he is there with his kids and his grandchildren and how to help keep their property maintained for future and his families future.

With changing ideals in how we all should enjoy the lake, we have neighbors whom have their own judgements and ideals. Our neighborhood has had issues with a few small minorities that seek to 'police' the evolution of cabin life. I ask that East Gull Lake not allow the rogue and overzealous neighbors to opine and interfere. I personally will not allow a neighbor to interject or depreciate my property by their perceived ideals on how my property should be used. I will defend and use legal to defend against individuals interfering. Presently there are several in close proximity that are also suffering and feeling the same as the Muller's and have communicated about a class action suit against specific individuals attempting to impede our neighborhood and our peace.

While it is not the cities role to monitor the daily lives of the residents, we have specific homeowners that are attempting to interfere with residents use of the lake. We cannot stand for this, and I support East Gull Lake in allowing its residents the right to improve their properties. I support East Gull Lake and I support the Muller's desire improve the garage on their property without being harassed.

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