

**City of Columbus**  
**Public Hearing – 17566 Xingu Street Variance (PC-13-114)**  
**(Daniel and Michelle Selfors – owners)**  
**October 16, 2013**

The October 16, 2013 Public Hearing to receive testimony regarding the request for a variance at 17566 Xingu Street, Columbus, MN was called to order at 8:55 p.m. by Vice Chair Garth Sternberg at the City Hall. Present were Commission members Andy Anderson, Myron Organ, Pam Wolowski, Jesse Preiner, and Jody Krebs; City Administrator Elizabeth Mursko, Planner Dean Johnson, and Recording Secretary Karen Boland.

Also in attendance were City Council members Dennis Peterson, Jeff Duraine, Bill Krebs (7:20), and Mayor Dave Povolny (8:20); Michael Madden, Cecilia Woodrich, Andi Moffatt, Breanne Rothstein, Mark Kiperstin, Steve and Sue Wagamon, Sherri and Roger Nase, Pat Bergin, Perry Wagamon, Michelle Daubs, Fran Peterson, Dave Crowder, David Waldoch, Virginia Waldoch Mitchell, Tom Waldoch, Frank Wagamon, Jeff Joyer, Erik Olson, Ronnie Bowman, Todd and Sue Voelker, Don Waldoch, Michael Schaal, Nancy and Brenda Herubin, and Christine and Brian Dumke.

**Sternberg:** At this point we're going to do the Public Hearing and discussion for 17566 Xingu Street variance application request, pages 73 through 80. And at this time I'll ask the secretary to please read the publication.

Notice was read at this time.

**Sternberg:** Thank you. Please state your name and address for the record.

**Bowman:** I am Ronnie Bowman. 8200 Ryan Lake Drive Northeast, Stacy, Minnesota.

**Sternberg:** And what is it you're asking of us tonight.

**Bowman:** Well, I am a septic system installer. I've been asked to quote these people that own this property a bid for replacing their existing septic system. And I'm licensed by the MPCA and I've worked in Columbus for many, many years.

**Sternberg:** Can we please have it quiet in here? Thank you.

**Bowman:** You should also have a letter that was passed on to you by Leon, your building...

**Sternberg:** We're doing one more hearing and then we'll get to it. (In reference to an earlier hearing.) Sorry, Ronnie, Mr. Bowman.

**Bowman:** You should have a letter there from Leon, your building official, with his recommendation. There's an existing house there, like they say, between a rock and a hard spot. The existing system is not adequate. It's failing and it needs to be replaced. And, uh, because of the soil conditions there, they don't have the one foot that the, um,...

**Anderson:** Separation?

**Bowman:** ...separation. So, we have to bring in three, three feet, and they've revised that even to three-and-a-half feet to allow for some settling. And once it's in it'll be mound like you have many, many other ones here in the City of Columbus.

**Mursko:** In your agenda packet you do have a memo from our building official. He has reviewed the site. He's been over the information with Mr. Bowman. This is the...in this particular case there isn't another option. And, with these circumstances, it does require a variance, because they do need an 'other' system, because they don't have the required 12 inches of undisturbed soil in this case for a second system. So that is on page 75. On page 76 you do have a diagram of the property. And on page 77 you do have a diagram of the, of the new, area that the, al...what do you call it?...alternative system is going to be.

**Bowman:** Other.

**Mursko:** ...or 'other' system is going to be.

**Organ:** This is a two-and-a-half acre site?

**Sternberg:** Any questions?

**Anderson:** Um, I have no questions.

**Preiner:** None.

**Anderson:** In order to move this along, I'd like to propose a motion that we forward this to the City Council for approval...

**Sternberg:** Do we need to do the variance checklist?

**Mursko:** Well, first you have to ask if the...we're in a public hearing, so you have to see if there's anybody here first. And then close the public hearing real quick. Then we can go to discussion.

**Sternberg:** Okay, at this time is there anybody from the public that would like to speak? So, at this time, I'm going to close the hearing with the right to reopen if necessary.

Hearing closed at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Karen Boland, Recording Secretary