

Ben Oleson

From: Mary Brown <mary@corinnatownship.com> on behalf of Mary Brown
Sent: Wednesday, January 3, 2024 9:04 AM
To: Ben Oleson
Cc: Corinna Township Clerk
Subject: Ben - FW: Vacation Rental 01-09-24 11043 Lawrence Ave NW

Ben,

Please see message below:

From: Frank Dropps <frdropps@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 3, 2024 1:50 AM
To: Corinna Township Clerk <clerk@corinnatownship.com>
Subject: Vacation Rental 01-09-24 11043 Lawrence Ave NW

Dear Corinna Board and Zoning Administrator,

I am writing in regards to the upcoming board meeting for the vacation rental located at 11043 Lawrence Ave NW. As the zoning administrator is aware, this property has been the subject of numerous complaints over the past two years. This property has generated numerous complaints to the zoning administrator as well as the Wright County Sheriff's Department. The owner is non-responsive when contacted directly when issues arise such as trespassing, pontoons and campers blocking the road for days and noise at all hours of the night just to name a few that I have encountered. It is an extremely busy business with 6 to 8 cars coming and going constantly, it is a nuisance in a residential area. For the last several months I did not sleep until 3 a.m. due to the noise coming from that property, it was not appreciated as I work.

This property is an extremely small parcel with an inadequate septic system, so much so that previous owners have had to resort to having the washing machine drain to an area in the yard, it most likely still does. In addition, the structure violates setbacks from the neighbors on both sides as there is less than 4 feet between the house and neighboring properties. Vehicles parking in front of the garage partially block the road and its not certain emergency vehicles could easily travel past. On most days recently it resembles a junk yard with tires, piles of wood and debris scattered about.

During the previous several years almost every neighbor on this road has come before the board to ask the board to grant various things such as an addition on a shed, to add a dormer which would allow for a closet, to widen a driveway or to build a larger garage. They were all denied for the same two reasons, either they couldn't meet the setbacks or they were over on their coverage. This vacation rental is no different except for the fact it has both of those issues.

Minnesota State Statute allows for a denial on granting an Interim Use Permit and a denial would be appropriate. None of you would like this next to your home. As far as I am concerned this property owner is essentially asking for a variance. I will add that absolutely zero of the things the other property owners were asking for would have harmed one neighbor but running this nuisance of a business affects all of us.

If this isn't persuasive enough for a denial then there needs to be restrictions on number of vehicles, overnight guests, number of day guests, noise restrictions, junk storage etc. There also needs to be a penalty imposed and enforced. The ordinance needs to be amended to state penalties and enforcement because right now when we call the zoning administrator he instructs us to call the Sheriff and when we call the Sheriff they tell us our ordinances are lacking depending on the issue.

Respectfully,
Frank Dropps