

**Albany Township Planning Commission**  
**May 19, 2016**

The Public Hearing of the Albany Planning Commission was called to order at on May 19. 2016, at 7:30 P.M. by Chair Ryan Pratt at Albany City Hall Council Chambers. Members present Ryan Pratt, Gary Bloch, and Mike Noll. Also present, Supervisor Mary Rosen; Clerk Diane Noll; Zoning Administrator Jerry Forster.

This Public Hearing is being done for the following:

Brian Geise, 23523 330 Street, Albany MN 56307  
Variance: Requesting an additional approach on his plat  
2009-01 Town Road Construction Standards, Section 6 Road Access Standards Subpart 6.01 General Access Standards Paragraph H. Only one Access per property/parcel will be allowed  
Subpart 6.02 New Access Spacing Guidelines Paragraph B. Access onto Township roads shall have a minimum separation distance of 125 Feet.

Jason Sypchala-21417 Pioneer View Road, Albany MN 56307  
Variance: Requesting to use a Pool cover rather than a fence.  
County Ordinance 439: Section 7.26 regarding fence surrounding pool in residential area.

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Commissioner Noll, seconded by Commissioner Bloch, motion carried.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

a Brian Geise-Variance for new approach

Because the property included in the request will involve Ryan Pratt, he is abstaining from voting.

Mr. Geise is requesting to build an accessory building to store his semi, this would need an additional approach in his 2 acre plat. The accessory building will be on the west side of his house. (He is unable to build on the east side of the house because of the location of the oil pipeline and well.)  
In order to have the required space, Ryan Pratt and Brian Geise will need to swap land. The variance is for the additional approach needed for the shed.

Could he share the existing approach coming from Ryan Pratt's property? This would not give him enough room to turn the semi.

Could he remove the existing approach to his garage, add an approach that goes to the shed and cures to the residence? Because of the power pole in the right-of-way there would not be room for the driveway.

At this time Mr. Geise rents a shed in Eden Valley to store his semi. He would be parking the truck in his shed, which would give him more time with his family and save him money on renting. He would not be hauling full on the township road.

A motion to recommend to the town board to approve the variance as requested for the approach per the drawing was made by Commissioner Bloch, died for lack of a second.

