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4509 State Highway 73

Deerfield, WI

To whom it may concern:

We purchased the property (formerly known as the Zickert farm) in 2017 from the Vernon Zickert estate.

Now that we have sold our primary residence in Deerfield, we are planning on moving to the farm.

The existing farmhouse (the original farmhouse), was built (parts thereof) in the 1840s. Our plan is to build a new house 300-400 feet south-southwest of the current location. We have attached a sketch of the proposed location for your review. We chose this location for the following reasons:

- Areas to the west and north of the existing home are occupied by buildings, all but one of which are currently being used.
- Area to the east of the existing home is Highway 73
- Area to the south of the home is an orchard:
 - Although the orchard has sat idle for many years, we have been working to bring it back into production. We have been pruning/trimming, mowing, trapping insects, applying pesticides, etc. in our efforts to make the orchard productive again. Through research, we have learned that to bring fruit trees back it will take 3-4 years of progressive pruning once they are as far gone as ours were. This orchard has many "heirloom" trees, the fruit from these trees is highly sought after by the rapidly growing Hard Cider industry, as these trees produce the best cider and are hard to come by. Pruning that is too aggressive can/will kill the trees. As evidence of our efforts to revitalize the orchard, for each of the last 2 years, we have sold our pears to Wollershiem Winery in Prairie du Sac, WI. There, in their distillery, they make our pears into Pear Brandy for sale to the public.
- This location will have the least negative impact on productive farm lands.
- The proposed driveway location will not affect the crop land or the orchard and will create a safer connection to highway 73.

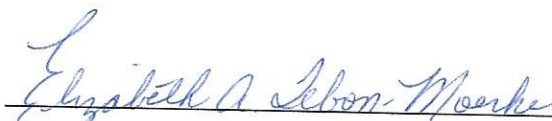
We intend on making this new house our permanent home as evidenced by:

- Our initial investment
- Revitalizing the orchard
- Refurbishing the existing farm buildings
- Farming or renting the farm lands (currently being rented)
- Recently signing a 15 year contract with Wisconsin Department of Agriculture (CREP) to restore some wetlands and install wildlife ponds on the western-most portions of our property.

Thank you for your consideration,



Jeffery S. Moerke



Elizabeth A. Tebon-Moerke



PARCEL NUMBER: 071204395007
4509 HWY 73

PROPOSED DRIVEWAY & 1660# HOUSE

300ft
-89.08152 43.09942 Degrees



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12' WIDE DRIVEWAY TO
1660th HOUSE

60ft
-89.08122 43.09606 Degrees



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378.7'

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-89.08 43.10 Degrees