June 19, 2024

To whom it may concern,

In January of 2024 we purchased a home at 3828 33<sup>rd</sup> Street South. We had previously lived in the Town of Greenfield in La Crosse County. When we purchased this home, we had adopted five children (all victims of childhood trauma, including neglect, physical, mental and sexual abuse). At the time of the purchase we had only a 13 year old girl living with us.

She came into our home when she was four years old. She was a trauma victim. It took several years for her to get to a point where she was comfortable being in a room alone. She still is extremely anxious when alone or in large crowds.

When we moved in, she was extremely anxious and was very worried about people moving through our yard.

We have been in contact with Phillips Outdoor Services about putting a fence around our back yard. We want a gate onto the walking trail adjacent to Pammel Creek (that we can secure from inside the yard).

We have had the property surveyed, and see the right of way in question. We are asking for a variance to build a fence that meets the fence at two points and will run perpendicular to that fence. We understand that we would be responsible for removal of the fence in the event of need to address issues within the right of way, as well as reconstruction costs. Additionally in an emergency we will assist in any way to ensure access if needed, and will be responsible for costs incurred because of the fence.

Sincerely,

Tom and Maxine Jacobs