

Mower County Planning Commission

County Court House
Austin, Minnesota 55912

The regular meeting was called to order by the chairman February 17, 1976 with the following members present:

Richard Anderson	M. E. Chesebrough	John Kramer	Lee Thompson
Dale Braaten	Grace Dooley	Wm. Milbrath	
Richard Buechner	Stella Jensen	Roger Peck	

Also present: Jim Harberts, staff; John Byers, Soil Conservation; Racine Town Board and interested property owners RE Ravenhorst Concrete petition.

Minutes of the last regular meeting were read and accepted on a motion by Dale Braaten seconded by Richard Buechner. A letter from Art Wildeman requesting withdrawal of his petition SP 111 was received and accepted on a motion by Stella Jensen seconded by Grace Dooley.

SP 112 Stephen and Katherine DeGear and Walter M. and Florence M. Kittridge for waiver of platting requirements was presented with the Investigation report and staff report, both recommending approval of the petition. A motion by Dale Braaten seconded by Wm. Milbrath that the reports be accepted and the petition be recommended to the County Commissioners for approval carried unanimously.

CU 88 and SP 113 Ravenhorst Concrete Products, Inc. for change of zone from Rural to Industrial and for special permit for the manufacturing of concrete field tile on a parcel of land in Sgc. 11 Racine Township were presented with the reports of the Investigation Committee and Staff, both recommending approval of the petitions. Mr. Lyman Nelson represented Ravenhorst Concrete and described the operation to be undertaken similar to their operation in Clarks Grove. He also stated that the firm had tried to locate in the village of Racine without success. The Racine Town Board expressed satisfaction and has granted access from the township road. Questions were raised as to drainage of processing water to other properties, dust control, traffic congestion and screening of the storage yard. A motion by Dale Braaten seconded by Lee Thompson that the reports be accepted and CU 88 Ravenhorst Concrete Products for change of zone from Rural to Industrial be recommended to the County Commissioners for approval carried unanimously. A motion by Dale Braaten seconded by Lee Thompson that SP 113 Ravenhorst Concrete Products for a permit to operate the manufacturing plant for concrete tile be recommended to the County Commissioners for approval subject to the following conditions carried unanimously. Conditions are: (1) This permit be contingent on the receiving of a discharge permit from PCA if one is required. (2) Every attempt be made to keep the storage and yard area in a neat condition so that a pleasant aesthetic site is seen from US 63. (3) Any part of the site not used for production will be kept free of any weeds or unsightly matter. (4) Any signs erected on the property shall conform to the regulations of the Mower County Sign Ordinance and shall be reviewed by the Planning Department. 5. Suitable visual screening will be established between the site and US 63 and the township road. (6) The storage and yard area will be maintained adequately to control excess dust by application of chloride or other dust control measures as needed. (7) Provision will be made to prevent run-off of processing water from the site to adjoining property.

Recommendations from the County Attorney on Subdivision changes were presented, and the meeting adjourned on a motion by Stella Jensen seconded by Richard Buechner.

Grace M. Dooley
Secretary