

# Mower County Planning Commission

County Court House  
Austin, Minnesota 55912

The meeting was called to order by the chairman December 27, 1977 with the following members present:

Richard Anderson	M. E. Chesebrough	John Kramer	Conrad Stenson
Dale Braaten	Grace Dooley	Wm. Milbrath	
Richard Cummings	Stella Jensen	Wm. Rugg	

Staff: Wm. Buckley      Chris Huang

Minutes of the last meeting were approved as mailed on a motion by John Kramer seconded by Dale Braaten.

A motion by Stella Jensen seconded by Dale Braaten to recommend SP 178 Darrell Kraft recommendation to the County Board acted on at our last meeting contain the recommendation that the permit be temporary to July 1, 1980 and non-transferrable without review by the Planning Commission and approval of the County Board carried unanimously.

A letter from Charlotte Peterson, Asst. Joint Prosecutor regarding James, Rowe, Le Roy, who is operating a feed lot without a permit, less than one-half mile from 10 homes, and within 100 feet of a public park. Mr. Rowe has been given until April 1 to dispose of the cattle.

Discussion proposed pipeline regulations resulted in a motion by Wm. Milbrath seconded by Stella Jensen and carried unanimously that the following be recommended to the County Board:

That the Mower County Planning Commission recommend that the Mower County Zoning Ordinance Section 14-8 be changed to read as follows:

- a. Utility lines means overhead or underground wires, conduits or pipes for the transmission of electricity, oil, gas, but excludes service lines from the main line to consumer.
- b. All utility lines above and below ground located on private property along county and CSAH roads shall be minimum of fifty-six (56) feet from the center line. All utility lines plans shall be submitted to the county engineer for review.
- c. No utility line shall be constructed and maintained outside of road right of ways in, to, or through any zone in the county unless a conditional use permit is obtained pursuant to Section 14-12
- d. Conditional Permits shall require:
  1. All underground lines shall be bored through public and private roads unless the road authority approves cost and backfill crossing.
  2. Each road crossing shall be approved by the road authority.
  3. In event of repair or improvement of a road the line owner shall pay for necessary movement and replacement of the line.
  4. Underground lines shall be at least five (5) feet below the bottom of drainage ditches and not impede the flow of water.

5. In event of repairs or improvements of the drainage ditch the line owner shall pay for necessary movement and replacement of the line.
6. The underground lines shall be at least four (4) feet deep.
7. Drain tile lines shall be repaired or replaced where damaged by the construction.
8. Lines shall be at least two hundred fifty (250) feet from dwellings.
9. Such other conditions as may be appropriate.

U 99 Ernest Durst to rezone 13.05 acres in Windom Twp. between County Road 46 and I 90 from Rural to Commercial was presented with the Investigating Committee and Staff reports recommending denial. Mr. Durst was present and spoke to the Commission regarding his request. A motion by Wm. Milbrath seconded by Grace Dooley to accept the reports and recommend denial of the petition to the County Commissioners carried unanimously.

SP 160 Michael Stock for permit to conduct an auto wrecking yard on 10 acres in Sec. 36, Leroy Twp. was presented with the Investigating Committee and Staff reports recommending denial because such an operation would be in violation of Minnesota State Regulations regarding Auto Junk Yards. A motion by Richard Cummings seconded by Dale Braaten to accept the reports and recommend denial of the petition was withdrawn after a more thorough discussion of the request. A motion by Grace Dooley seconded by Conrad Stenson to table action until next meeting to give the staff an opportunity to contact the State Highway Dept. regarding a variance. Motion carried.

Wm. Buckley reported on progress of the sewer cleanup program and asked for an extension of compliance dates for Virgil Fisk and Robert Hyland to July 1, 1978 and June 1, 1978 respectively, and a motion by Richard Cummings seconded by Conrad to that effect carried unanimously. Gary Stevens will be requested to appear at the next Planning Commission meeting. A report the latest survey of violations with suggested locations of roads to be considered next will be given at the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned on a motion by Grace Dooley seconded by Dale Braaten.

*Grace M. Dooley*  
Secretary