

# Mower County Planning Commission

County Court House  
Austin, Minnesota 55912

The regular meeting was called to order by the chairman August 29, 1978 with the following members present:

Ray Capelle	Stella Jensen	Conrad Stemson
M. E. Chesebrough	Roger Peck	Art Vogel
Grace Dooley	Wm. Rugg	

Staff: Daryl Franklin      Chris Huang      Ron Heitman

Minutes of the June 27, 1978 were read and approved on a motion by Wm. Rugg seconded by Roger Peck and carried. A motion by Roger Peck seconded by Wm. Rugg to accept the July 25, 1978 minutes as received carried.

CUP 209 David D. Stacy and Donald D. and Darlene Schocker for a hog feedlot operation in Sec. 10, Lyle Twp. tabled from the July meeting was presented with a review of the petition. The reading on the petition differed from the petitioner's intended use, and a motion by Art Vogel seconded by Wm. Rugg to amend the reading of the original petition to read: "Proposed Use Hog Feedlot Operation," carried unanimously. A motion by Stella Jensen seconded by Wm. Rugg to accept the staff report and recommend approval of a permanent permit to the County Board subject to the filing of a signed contract for manure disposal with the Planning Department and the County Board, said motion carried unanimously.

CUP 211 Robert Jacobson for a permit to operate a landfill in NE $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec. 31 Lansing Township was presented with Staff Report recommending approval subject to conditions regarding road capacity, location of operations, fencing, soil erosion and water run-off control, and posting of a performance bond. A letter from County Sanitarian Buckley pointing out the pros and cons involved, the thinking of Arlo Habben, District Conservationist for Mower County Soil and Water Conservation District, and the concerns of Donald Abrams, Solid Waste Specialist of the Rochester Office of MPCA, and his recommendation for approval of the permit on the condition that Mr. Jacobson is able to meet the requirements and restrictions plus a permit for Sanitary Landfill from MPCA. Arlo Habben of the District Soil and Water Conservation Office submitted his own evaluation report of the project. Fifteen neighboring property owners were in attendance to voice their objection to the location, supported by a petition signed by 36 property owners objecting to the petition, because the entire 86 acres is tillable, inadequacy of the roads, scattering of papers and debris by winds, odor, rats, physical danger to children in the area attracted to the site, potential contribution to expanded flooding of Turtle Creek, and danger of contamination to drinking water for residences in the area and the City of Austin water supply. A motion by Grace Dooley seconded by Roger Peck to table action on the petition to the September 26 meeting to enable the Lansing Town Board and Mower County Commissioners to consider the costs of upgrading the roads involved to 9-ton load capacity, a study on the potential flooding expansion of Turtle Creek, and more study on the possibility of contamination of the drinking water for residents in the area and the City of Austin carried unanimously.

Plat 78-2 Spencer Yentsch for approval of preliminary plat on 17 acres in W $\frac{1}{2}$  SE $\frac{1}{4}$  NW $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec. 4 Udolpho Twp. was presented with staff recommendation for approval. (At the May 30 Planning Commission meeting CUP 195 for waiver of platting on 2 acres of this parcel was recommended unanimously to the County Board.)

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Several neighboring property owners were present to voice objection to the plat because of the encroachment on prime agricultural operations by a residential development and pointing out the property is about  $3\frac{1}{2}$  miles from Blooming Prairie. Mr. Yentsch stated he only wanted to build one house on the 17 acres, didn't want to plat, preferring the waiver of platting which was disapproved by the County Board in favor of platting. Wm. Rugg offered a motion, seconded by Grace Dooley, that Mr. Yentsch place a deed restriction on the plat restricting the property to only one residence, which motion was withdrawn after discussion and consideration. A motion by Grace Dooley seconded by Stella Jensen to table action on Plat 78-2 in favor of waiver of platting carried unanimously. A motion by Stella Jensen seconded by Roger Peck to recommend to the County Board reconsideration of CUP 195 for waiver of platting requirements subject to the building of only one house on the 17-acre parcel carried unanimously.

CJ 103 Richard Rasmussen referred back to the Planning Commission by the County Board for reconsideration was discussed at length. (The June 27, 1978 meeting recommended unanimously that the petition be denied on a motion by Art Vogel seconded by Stella Jensen). A motion by Grace Dooley seconded by Conrad Stenson to again recommend denial of the petition to the County Board until a specific development plan is presented for the property carried unanimously.

CUP 212 Garet L. Loverink and Muriel Loverink, Rose Creek for waiver of platting requirements on 5 acres located in Sec. 7 Windom Twp. was presented for consideration. A motion by Roger Peck seconded by Wm. Rugg to recommend approval of the petition to the County Board carried unanimously.

Sec. 21 Waltham Twp.

CUP 213 Robert & Elenora Meyer for waiver of platting requirements on 1 acre out of 80 acres for a rural residence (this is the homestead) was presented with staff report recommending approval. A motion by Art Vogel seconded by Ray Capelle to recommend approval of the petition to the County Board carried unanimously.

Representatives of the Mower County Coalition attended the meeting seeking questions to be used in a county-wide survey of needs.

A motion by Grace Dooley seconded by Art Vogel to adjourn carried.

Following adjournment a certificate of service was presented to Richard Anderson who has resigned from the Planning Commission. Mr. Anderson, appointed to the Planning Commission in July, 1958, was thanked for his contribution to the Planning Commission in the drafting and implementation of the Zoning, Sanitation, Billboard and Subdivision Regulations. Mr. Anderson has served on the Planning Commission longer than any other member to date.

*Grace M. Dooley*  
Secretary.