

# Mower County Planning Commission

County Court House  
Austin, Minnesota 55912

The regular meeting was called to order by the Chairman January 29, 1980 with the following members present:

Ray Capelle  
Grace Dooley

Duane Hanson  
John Hill

Joe Monsen  
Wm. Rugg

Staff: Dan Rogness, Chris Huang

Members of Austin Town Board

Minutes of the last meeting were accepted as received on a motion by John Hill seconded by Ray Capelle.

CUP 264 Dorothy Lassig for waiver of platting on 2 acres out of 440 acres in E $\frac{1}{2}$  and NW $\frac{1}{4}$  except SW $\frac{1}{4}$  NW $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec. 33 Frankford Twp. to establish a rural residence was presented with staff report recommending approval. A motion by Ray Capelle seconded by John Hill to recommend approval of the petition carried unanimously.

CUP 265 Richard A. and Kerry J. Stroup and Maureen J. Stroup Schmidt for waiver of platting requirements on 1.5 acres out of 160 acres in NE $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec. 35 Windom Twp. to establish a rural residence was presented with staff report recommending approval. A motion by Duane Hanson seconded by Joe Monsen to recommend approval of the petition carried unanimously.

CUP 266 Wallace B. Bustad to permit construction of a pole shed in a flood fringe district on 1.5 acres in E $\frac{1}{2}$  NE $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec. 9 Outlot 7, Austin Twp. was presented. Neighboring property owners were present to state objections to the petition. After considerable discussion and several unanswered questions, a motion by Grace Dooley seconded by Joe Monsen to table the petition until next meeting in order to have input from the Austin City Planning Commission on the petition and to have Mr. Bustad present to answer questions carried.

CUP 203 renewal Daryl and Arvilla Boehm to continue a feedlot operation on 3.3 acres in Northwest corner of W $\frac{1}{2}$  SW $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec. 8 Racine Twp. A complaint had been received on the operation, but inspection failed to produce any violations of the permit. Neighboring property owners were present to support approval of the permit, and after discussion a motion by Ray Capelle seconded by John Hill to recommend approval of a permanent non-transferable permit with the conditions that manure must be removed on a continuous basis, weather permitting, and no expansion beyond 17 sows (excluding piglets) and 30 sheep be permitted carried unanimously.

Petition for Platting 80-1 Arnold Hatten to subdivide 3.5 acres in NE $\frac{1}{4}$  SE $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec. 33 Red rock Twp to establish two rural residences was presented with staff report recommending approval subject to six additions to the final plat. A motion by Ray Capelle seconded by Duane Hanson to recommend approval of the preliminary plat subject to the following additions carried unanimously:

1. Acreage of land to be subdivided.
2. Zoning classification of lands to be subdivided and all adjacent lands.
3. Contours at an interval of not greater than five feet.
4. Utilities on and adjacent to the tract showing proposed connections to existing utility systems.
5. Minimum building setback lines.
6. Location of railroads, drainage courses, permanent buildings or other structures and wooded areas.

CU 111 Larry J. Nemitz, Pres. Minn.-Iowa Pool and Spa, Inc. and Olga C. Johnson to rezone 10 acres, more or less, in NW $\frac{1}{4}$  SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of NW $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec. 13 Austin Twp. was presented. Several neighboring property owners were present to voice objection to any more commercial zoning in this area, and the Austin Town Board voiced a unanimous decision to recommend denial of the petition. Mr. Nemitz was not present, but had a representative at the meeting. A motion by Grace Dooley seconded by Joe M $\ddot{o}$ nsen to recommend denial of the petition for the following reasons:

1. Agricultural land would be taken out of production.
2. Scattered strip highway development should be discouraged.
3. This particular zone change will add to the commercial/residential land use conflict in this area.

The motion carried unanimously.

Staff presented suggested changes recommended to the Commercial Zone section to the Zoning Ordinance for consideration. A motion by John Hill seconded by Grace Dooley to table action until next meeting carried.

By unanimous agreement the next regular meeting will be held February 19.

An Urban-Rural Planning Workshop February 14 in Owatonna was announced, and Commission members were urged to attend. The meeting adjourned.

*Grace M. Dooley*  
Secretary

A special meeting was held January 23 with all members present to discuss Agricultural Land Preservation with representatives from Rice and Olmstead Counties.