

Mower County Planning Commission

County Court House
Austin, Minnesota 55912

The regular meeting was called to order May 27, 1980 by the Chairman and found all members in attendance. Wm. Buckley represented the staff and County Attorney Fred Wellmann was present for legal advice. Minutes of the last meeting were accepted as received on a motion by Ray Capelle seconded by Roger Peck.

Wm. Buckley presented a formal complaint against the residents of Norman Park Addition for violation of the Mower County Sanitation Regulations signed by Kenneth P. Combs. Extensive investigation has been made and tests run to substantiate the complaint. Several of the property owners were present to speak in their own behalf. They feel that they have corrected the problem: On May 21, 1980 they had the distribution box and sewer lines pumped and cleaned, and at this time there is no surface discharge. After much discussion a motion by Grace Dooley seconded by John Hill to table the complaint for one year to give the property owners the opportunity to prove the system has been satisfactorily corrected carried unanimously.

Mr. Buckley then presented the Solid Waste Management Ordinance in its final form containing revisions suggested by the Planning Commission. Co. Attorney Wellmann explained his reasoning in eliminating specific amounts for license fees and bonding requirements within the ordinance to avoid amending the ordinance every time there is a change in the requirements. A motion by Roger Peck seconded by Gen Ulwelling to recommend approval of a resolution for adoption of the ordinance to the Mower County Commissioners with a recommendation to suggest guidelines for these fees carried unanimously.

Mr. Buckley and Duane Hanson reported that the County Engineer has discovered raw sewage in county drain tiles in Austin Acres. A meeting with Austin Township officials, County Commissioners and the Mower County Planning Commission is recommended to discuss ways of correcting the violation.

The recommendation for Agricultural Land Preservation acted on at the April meeting has been held up in the Zoning Office for action on a Staff recommendation for alcohol stills for on-farm use and for location of large commercial operations. Mr. Rex Sala of the Austin Community College has suggested guidelines which in turn were presented to the Planning Commission; they felt more information is needed before making a decision in this area, but that because of its urgency the Agricultural Land Preservation recommendation should be sent to the County Commissioners. A motion by Ray Capelle seconded by John Hill that Mr. Sala be asked to meet with the Planning Commission to explore his suggestion carried.

The meeting adjourned on a motion by Grace Dooley seconded by Ray Capelle.

Grace M. Dooley
Secretary