

Coordinated Development In

MOWER COUNTY

AUSTIN, MINNESOTA



AUSTIN-MOWER COUNTY PLANNING DEPT.

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MINUTES OF THE MOWER COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

MEMBERS PRESENT: Robert Finbraaten, Joe Monson, Roger Peck, Jen Ulwelling, Conrad Stemson, John Hill, Ray Capelle

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Dan Rogness, Julie Lewon, Fred Kraft

Chairman Peck called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 31, 1981 in the Commissioners Room of the Mower County Courthouse. Minutes of the February 24, 1981 meeting were approved as mailed on a motion by Mr. Monson, seconded by Mr. Hill, and passed unanimously.

Conditional Use Permit #287 - Rock Quarry/Gravel Pit - Roverud Construction Company:

A petition from Roverud Construction Company for a conditional use permit to allow a rock quarry/gravel pit on the W $\frac{1}{2}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 35, Le Roy Township, was read to the planning commission. A letter was also read from Gene Vincent, district conservationist, stating the conditions he would like to see placed on the permit if approved. Mr. Allan Thorson of Roverud Construction was present to answer questions regarding the proposed rock quarry/gravel pit. Mr. Thorson stated that he had been in contact with Howard County about using the road, and that not over 2,000 tons per day would be taken out. Mr. Rogness explained the different conditions that could be placed on the permit. Mr. Peck stated that he had been on the investigating committee and that the area was suitable for the proposed use as it had been used as a rock quarry previously. Following discussion on the possible conditions, a motion was made by Mr. Monson and seconded by Mr. Stemson to approve the conditional use permit with the following conditions:

1. A setback from the state line county road right-of-way of 90 feet.
2. A final slope not to exceed a 2-1 slope.
3. Access roads shall be maintained in a dust free manner.
4. A berm, fence or vegetation at any necessary location.
5. A gate placed at the entrance with a "No Trespassing" sign posted.
6. Posting a performance bond (an amount to be determined by the county board).
7. No infringement upon the Upper Iowa River Shoreland Management Zone (200' from normal high water mark) and Floodplain Zone.
8. No mining should take place north of the Upper Iowa River.
9. An annual inspection by the Soil Conservation Service (SCS) and Planning Department to insure proper conservation measures.

The motion passed unanimously.

Continued Discussion of Osmundson Rock Quarry, Section 9, Frankford Township: At the February meeting, the planning commission recommended to the county board that:

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On both the township road and the county road, Osmundson Brothers be made to put up a chain link (or similar) type fence six feet high that would be strong enough to stop a snowmobile, and that Osmundsons or the County Board put up a guard rail in addition. Also, that warning signs be posted along this part of the road.

The county board has returned the issue to the planning commission for further study. Mr. Finbraaten stated that no progress had been made lately. The state engineer had been down to examine the site and had said that no safety funds were available. Mr. Kraft, county attorney, said that if the rock quarry was a non-conforming use, Osmundsons could be required to meet conditions in order to continue. Mr. Rogness confirmed that the rock quarry was a non-conforming use. After further discussion on how the problem should be approached, Mr. Finbraaten stated that the county board would approach Osmundsons and a meeting would be set up between them, the county board and the township officials. A motion to table the issue until the county board got back to the planning commission was made by Mr. Hill, and seconded by Mr. Monson. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Hill, seconded by Mrs. Ulwelling to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Lewon

Julie Lewon, Secretary
Mower County Planning Commission