

# MOWER COUNTY

## AUSTIN, MINNESOTA



December 8, 1981

### MINUTES OF THE MOWER COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

**Members Present:** Joe Monson, Jen Ulwelling, Ray Capelle, Conrad Stemson, Roger Peck, John Hill.

**Members Absent:** Robert Finbraaten

**Others Present:** David Olson

Chairman Peck called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 8, 1981 in the Commissioners Room of the Mower County Courthouse. Minutes of the ~~October 27~~ 1981 meeting were approved as mailed on a motion by Mr. Monson, seconded by Mr. Capelle, and passed unanimously.

**Conditional Use Permit # 292/Additional Farm Dwelling - Leon Steinkamp:** A petition from Mr. Steinkamp for a conditional use permit for placing an additional farm dwelling ( a mobile home) on the Steinkamp in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , Section 7, Frankford Township was read to the commission. Mr. Capelle was on the investigation committee and stated that he saw no problems with granting the conditional use permit. Mr. Monson made a recommendation to add a condition that the residents of this dwelling be associated with the farm operation. After further discussion, Mr. Capelle made a motion to recommend approval of the petition with the conditions that the permit be non-transferable, that the permit be made permanent, that the residents of this dwelling be associated with the farm operation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Monson and passed unanimously.

**Conditional Use Permit #83 Renewal/Automobile Wrecking Yard - Roger Crews:** A petition from Mr. Crews for the renewal of his permit allowing the operation of an automobile wrecking yard in a rural zone in the NW Corner SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 22, Waltham Township, was read to the commission. This petition had been tabled from the October 6, 1981 meeting. Several questions were asked of Mr. Crews pertaining to his operations and for what purposes he was salvaging tires. Mr. Monson gave an overview of his original investigation in October. After further discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Monson to recommend approval of the conditional use permit subject to the following conditions:

1. A screen mesh fence of durable construction, no less than 7 feet in height shall be maintained 300 feet from the right-of-way of the township road. The fence will be parallel to the road and extend for approximately 150 feet. A row in front of the wire fence so as to completely screen the operation from the road.
2. The site of the permitted operation is to be south of the fence, within the area bounded by the present grove of trees. This site is approximately 150' X 150' and abuts the west property line.
3. A \$2,500 performance bond is to be posted with the county auditor.
4. The remaining portion of the property shall be kept free from scrap iron, junk, debris, etc.
5. If the permit is revoked, or the operation discontinued, all junk, scrap iron, vehicles, tires, etc. shall be removed from the site within 60 days.
6. That the permit be non-transferable.

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7. That the permit be renewed on or before July 1, 1984.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Stenson and passed unanimously.

Zoning Ordinance Amendment: The commission reviewed a draft of an ordinance amendment that would require a one year waiting period on any petition such as a conditional use permit, rezoning request, etc., before filing the same petition. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Hill to recommend approval of the ordinance amendment to the County Board. The motion was seconded by Mr. Stenson and passed unanimously.

Other Business: Mr. Monson brought to the attention of the commission that Mr. Clarence May, whose conditional use permit for operation of a gravel pit in a rural zone was renewed in October, had not yet placed a gate or a reflectorized "no trespassing" sign at the entrance to the pit. Mr. Monson then made a motion to have the planning staff write a letter to Mr. May requesting him to do so. Mrs. Ulwelling seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Capelle mentioned possible hazards at abandoned gravel pits in Frankford and Racine Townships and the planning staff was instructed to look into them.

Mr. Stenson mentioned a number of cars parked along the road right-of-way at the Lowell Brekke residence on Route 4, Austin. The staff was instructed to look into the situation.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Hill, seconded by Mrs. Ulwelling, and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



David L. Olson, Acting Secretary  
Mower County Planning Commission