

MOWER COUNTY

AUSTIN, MINNESOTA



March 30, 1982

MINUTES OF THE MOWER COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Robert Shaw

OTHERS PRESENT: David Olson, William Buckley, Monica Hansel

Chairman Roger Peck called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. Minutes of the January 26, 1982 meeting were approved as mailed on a motion by Mr. Capelle, seconded by Mr. Monson, and passed unanimously.

Conditional Use Permit #296 - Steven Schroeder: Dave Olson read the petition of Steven Schroeder (James Schroeder, owner) to add additional farm dwelling (mobile home) in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 24, Marshall Township. Mr. Olson presented the staff report. Mrs. Ulwelling, who was on the investigation committee, stated that she saw no problems. Discussion followed with questions on parcel size, sanitation, and sewer system. Mrs. Ulwelling made a motion to approve the conditional use permit with the conditions recommended by staff and contingent upon an adequate sewer system. Further discussion followed, after which Mr. Capelle seconded the motion with the following conditions:

1. The permit be non-transferable.
2. The permit be made permanent.
3. The residents of this dwelling be associated with the farm operation.

The motion passed unanimously. The County Board will meet at 3:30 p.m. on April 6, 1982 to act on the petition.

It will still be necessary for Mr. Schroeder to obtain a building permit and sewer permit after the petition is approved by the County Board. Additional discussion on sewer system compliance followed.

Report From County Sanitarian - William C. Buckley: Mr. Buckley reported on complaints to be brought to the planning commission, including a signed complaint concerning St. Michael's Addition in Lansing Township. The problem existed in 1975, but no solution has been reached as yet. In 1976, the Sunset Motel put in their own sewage system. Prior to that, there was sewage discharging back of the Sunset Motel which was checked by placing dye in the system. There are two residents who admitted draining to the road ditch, and possibly two more also do. A new sewer system could cost at least \$2,000, plus cost of additional land. This was not resolved sooner because there has been no signed complaint until now.

A discussion on complaints in Austin Township brought out the following points: During highway construction on 16th Avenue SW, discharges were draining into the road ditch. One resident is pumping into the road ditch; another is pumping sewage or wash water into his back yard and into his neighbor's yard. It was suggested that Mr. Buckley sample the latter discharge.

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Another resident was discharging his washing machine water into the ditch. The County Board and county engineer do not want excess water in ditch. Dave Jackson, Austin Town Board Chairman, stated that they were also against this type of discharge as it left residue and oil in the ditch area, making it unsightly and a likely place for mosquitoes to breed. The Board instructed Mr. Buckley to take care of this.

It was decided that any type case should get official complaints signed by the town board before it is brought to the attention of the planning commission.

All of the above complaints will be reviewed at the next planning commission meeting.

Other Business: It was brought out that the afternoon meeting was a trial basis for future winter meetings. Mr. Olson would like a set policy and not change back and forth. The commission was asked to think about it and make a decision later. The next meeting will be at 8:00 p.m. Planning commission members are requested that if they cannot come to the meeting, they please call the planning office or Mr. Olson's home number.

Mr. Olson presented the Development Code from Nicollet County, covering zoning ordinances, floodplain management, etc. He suggested that members browse through it to determine if it has value for Mower County to pattern an ordinance after.

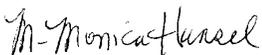
Mr. Peck brought to the attention of the commission that an auto body shop in a garage in Belleman's Addition was advertised in the Brownsdale Bargain Counter and whether this is a legal operation. Mr. Olson informed the commission that the matter would be checked into the would require compliance with the zoning ordinance. A kennel was also advertised and Mr. Peck will bring more information on it to the next meeting.

A rock crushing operation southeast of Le Roy was discussed. Lawrence Hansen's son has a gravel pit, but rock crushing was not part of the permit. He may possibly have to come back for another permit. (Roverud Construction permit)

The county-wide road ditch sewage cleanup program was discussed, but Mr. Shaw suggested that Austin Acres be cleaned up first. Farm homes, miles apart, should not have to fix their systems before Austin Acres is cleaned up. The commission decided not to renew the program at the present time, but that they should act on complaints such as those in Austin Acres, Belleman's Addition, and St. Michael's Addition.

There being no further business, Mr. Hill moved that the meeting adjourned. The motion was seconded by Mr. Capelle and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



M. Monica Hansel, Acting Secretary.