

MOWER COUNTY

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November 27, 1984

MINUTES OF THE MOWER COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

Members Present: Bob Werner, Joe Monsen, Conrad Stenson, Richard Cummings, Ray Capelle

Members Absent: Jen Ulwelling, John Hill

Others Present: Julie Lewon, Craig Eliason

Since Chairman Capelle had not yet arrived, Vice-Chairman Monsen called the meeting to order at 8:06 p.m. on Tuesday, November 27, 1984 in the Commissioners Conference Room of the Mower County Courthouse. Minutes of the October 30, 1984 meeting were approved as mailed on a motion by Mr. Cummings, seconded by Mr. Stenson, and passed unanimously.

Petition for a Conditional Use Permit for the Extraction of Lime Rock - Martin Bustad: Vice-Chairman Monsen made note of a letter received by the Austin-Mower County Planning Department from Mr. Bustad, withdrawing his petition. Therefore, the petition was dropped with no action being taken.

Petition for a Conditional Use Permit for the Placement of Fill in the Floodway - Ronald Davis: Ms. Lewon read the staff report. Mr. Davis is requesting a conditional use permit for the placement of fill in a low area in his backyard. During the spring rains this area fills with water and takes a long time to drain. It also becomes a breeding area for mosquitos. He is proposing to fill this area up to the level of the surrounding land.

Ms. Lewon stated that she had talked to Glenn Warner of the DNR and he said it should be classified as landscaping, rather than filling in the floodway. He had no objections to the action, as long as certain conditions are met:

- 1) All fill must come from the floodway on the site;
- 2) The landscaped area should be protected from erosion by a vegetative cover;
- 3) The landscaped area cannot be raised higher than the adjacent ground levels.

At this time, Chairman Capelle arrived and Vice-Chairman Monsen turned the meeting over to him.

Mr. Cummings felt the Commission should hold off their discussion for a while since Mr. Davis wasn't there.

Discussion on Fee Proposal for County Building Permits: Ms. Lewon read a memo from the Austin-Mower County Planning Department concerning the proposed fee for building

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permits. After some discussion, Mr. Monsen made a motion to recommend charging a fee of \$5.00 for building permits. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cummings and passed unanimously.

Other Business: Ms. Lewon explained to the Commission that the City of Waltham is applying for a Community Block Grant to upgrade their sewage treatment plant and they had expressed a desire for a resolution from the County Planning Commission supporting the action. A motion was made by Mr. Monsen that the Planning Commission support the City of Waltham's application for Community Development Block Grant funds to upgrade the sewage treatment system. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cummings, and passed unanimously.

Ms. Lewon explained a questionnaire she had received regarding prospective pilot counties for a state agricultural land preservation policy act. After some discussion, Mr. Stenson made a motion recommending that Mower County apply to become a pilot county in the program. The motion was seconded by Mr. Monsen and passed unanimously.

Ronald Davis Petition (continued): At this time, Ms. Lewon explained the Davis situation to a gentleman from Gerard School. Mr. Werner made a motion to recommend granting a conditional use permit for the placement of fill in the floodway for Mr. Davis as long as he complies with the three previously mentioned conditions. The motion was seconded by Mr. Monsen and passed unanimously. Ms. Lewon explained that the petition goes to the County Board at 3:50 p.m. on December 4, 1984.

Other Business (continued): After further discussion about the state agricultural land preservation policy act for prospective pilot counties, it was decided that the issue be tabled until the December 18th meeting, if it is held. Ms. Lewon will come back with recommendations at this time for the commission to consider.

Ms. Lewon brought up the idea of holding the County Planning Commission meetings in the afternoon during the winter months. After some discussion, it was decided that the meetings would continue to be in the evening.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Monsen, seconded by Mr. Stenson, and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Eliason
Craig Eliason, Secretary