

Coordinated Development In

MOWER COUNTY

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AUSTIN-MOWER COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Minutes of the Mower County Planning Commission Regular Meeting

Members Present: Jen Ulwelling, Joe Monsen, Gary Braaten, Oliver Hillier, John Hill, Bob Shaw

Members Absent: Roberta Finneseth, Bob Werner, Herb Hanson

Others Present: Daryl W. Franklin, Katie Losness

Chairperson Monsen called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 26, 1988, in Conference Room I of the Mower County Courthouse in Austin, Minnesota. The minutes of the November 25, 1987, meeting were approved as mailed on a motion made by Mrs. Ulwelling, seconded by Mr. Braaten and passed unanimously.

Renewal of CUP 320 - Motorcycle Restoration Business in the Rural Zone - Cindy Huff-Nelson: Ms. Losness read the staff report. Petitioner wishes to continue operation of the motorcycle restoration business located on the S 42 rods, N 60 rods, W 1/2 W 1/2 SW 1/4 NE 1/4, Section 6, Austin Township. The original permit was issued in October of 1983 with the following conditions:

- 1) No outside storage of motorcycles waiting to be fixed;
- 2) No outside storage of junk motorcycles or parts;
- 3) The permit is non-transferable;
- 4) The permit is temporary for one year, and then renewable every three years. No expense each time it is renewed, for control.

The permit was reviewed in December of 1984 with all conditions kept except renewal was set for every 3 years.

Chairperson Monsen asked if there was anyone present to speak in favor of the petition. There was not. Mrs. Ulwelling related to the Commission she and Mr. Hillier's findings at their on-site investigation. There were a number of junk cars and miscellaneous junk on the property. Ms. Losness read a note from an adjoining property owner, Darrell Bublitz, complaining about the junky area since he could not be present at the meeting. Discussion ensued regarding whether the matter should be tabled until the area is cleaned up or a temporary permit issued contingent upon cleaning up the junk. The Commission wanted to allow the petitioner time to remove them once the snow has thawed.

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Mrs. Ulwelling made a motion that a temporary conditional use permit be granted for a motorcycle restoration business until April 26, 1988, at which time the Commission will review the property to ensure the vehicles have been removed. The following conditions were placed on the permit:

- 1) There be no outside storage of any vehicles waiting to be fixed;
- 2) There be no outside storage of junk vehicles or parts;
- 3) The business be restricted to motorcycles only.

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

CUP 340A - Conditional Use Permit for a Gravel Pit in a Rural Zone - Ulland Brothers, Inc. and William Sheely: Ms. Losness informed the Commission that Ann Entorf of Ulland Brothers notified the Planning Department that they were not interested in renewing the permit. Mr. Sheely was present to tell the Commission he is not happy with the job Ulland Brothers have done. Mr. Shaw made a motion that staff contact Ulland Brothers and ask that they be present at the February 23, 1988, meeting to discuss the matter with Mr. Sheely. The motion was seconded by Mr. Braaten and passed unanimously. Mr. Hillier made a motion that the same be requested of Ulland Brothers in regard to Lyle Elleby's CUP. The motion was seconded by Shaw and passed unanimously.

Arthur Nelson then identified himself and asked to speak on the matter of the motorcycle restoration business. Chairperson Monsen read the motion back to Mr. Nelson relating how the Commission arrived at the decision. Mr. Nelson stated that the cars on his property had nothing to do with the CUP and it was his right to have a hobby of demolition derby and he could have whatever he wanted on his property. Mr. Franklin informed him that under the Mower County Code, he was operating a salvage yard without a conditional use permit. He was informed that he must either remove the vehicles or apply for a conditional use permit for a salvage yard.

Mr. Shaw then asked the Commission, on behalf of the County Board, to look into amending the ordinance to allow property owners in the county to sell any product that was raised on their property without a conditional use permit. Staff was instructed to look into other counties' ordinances and report back to the Commission at their February meeting.

Mr. Franklin asked that Planning Commission members try to be present at the Annual Meeting of Township Officers noon luncheon on February 15, 1988, as the new proposed county ordinance will be discussed.

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m. on a motion made by Mr. Hill, seconded by Mr. Braaten and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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