

AUSTIN MOWER COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT

June 27, 1989

Minutes of the Mower County Planning Commission Regular Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT: Don Olson, Dick Cummings, Jen Ulwelling, Oliver Hillier, Keith Voorhees, Steve Wieland, Bob Werner, Herb Hanson

MEMBERS ABSENT: Gary Braaten

OTHERS PRESENT: Katie Losness

Chair Ulwelling called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 27, 1989, in the Commissioner's Conference Room of the Mower County Courthouse in Austin, Minnesota. The minutes of the May 30, 1989, meeting were approved as mailed on a motion by Mr. Werner, seconded by Mr. Hillier and passed unanimously.

Renewal of CUP #65 - Gravel Pit in the Rural Zone - Ulland Brothers/Lawrence Grinstead: Ms. Losness read the staff report. Ullands are asking to renew CUP #65 for a gravel pit which has been in operation since 1974 on the Lawrence Grinstead property (SW 1/4 exc. 8 acres RR & exc. 2.46 acres Section 14, Lansing Township).

Ann Entorf of Ullands told the Commission that they wished to continue with the same procedure. It is a fairly big pit and they anticipate another 8-10 years of off-and-on use.

Mr. Hillier and Chair Ulwelling reported on their visit to the site. They didn't see any problems with disrupting area neighbors. Ms. Entorf said they use a water/chemical mixture to control the dust problem.

After further discussion Mr. Hanson made a motion to recommend renewal of the conditional use permit with the following conditions:

- 1) Gravel will be excavated no closer than 25 feet from the south property line at a 3:1 (horizontal:vertical) slope; and no closer than 100 feet from the flood bank on the east side.

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- 2) Soil erosion and runoff will be controlled in an acceptable fashion approved by the Mower County Soil and Water Conservation District.
- 3) The reclaimed depth will be no more than 12 feet.
- 4) Signs will be posted at the entrance warning drivers of trucks hauling.
- 5) Access will be gained from the north driveway at the farmstead on said property.
- 6) No gravel stockpiling or blacktop plant facility is permitted.
- 7) A \$10,000 performance bond must be posted with the County Auditor and be continuously renewed as long as the gravel pit is being operated.
- 8) The permit will be reviewed in July, 1994.

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

Lyle Wastewater Treatment Plan: The Commission discussed a recent letter from Jones, Haugh & Smith detailing some changes in the Plan for Lyle. Mr. Olson made a motion to accept the engineering's recommendation as presented. Mr. Voorhees seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Discussion of Planning Commission Size: Mrs. Ulwelling reiterated her feelings that a nine member commission wasn't needed as they are only an advisory board and there are only five County Commissioners. Discussion also centered around the geographic representation of the Commission. Most members appeared to be most concerned that the northern portion of the County wasn't adequately represented.

Election of Officers: Chair Ulwelling opened up the floor for nominations for Chair. Mr. Hillier nominated Mr. Hanson. Mr. Werner made a motion for nominations to cease. The Commission unanimously voted for Mr. Hanson as Chair. The floor was then opened to nominations for Vice-Chair. Mr. Olson nominated Mr. Hillier for Vice-Chair. No other nominations were made. The Commission unanimously approved Mr. Hillier as Vice-Chair.

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Presentation of Certificate of Recognition: Commissioner Cummings presented Jen Ulwelling with a Certificate of Recognition on behalf of the County Board of Commissioners for her years of service on the Planning Commission and Board of Adjustment.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Katie Losness
Assistant Planner

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