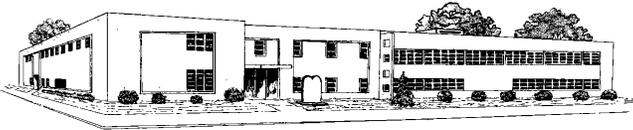


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August 28, 1990

Minutes of the Mower County Planning Commission Regular Meeting

Members Present: Gary Braaten, Herb Hanson, Don Olson, Keith Vorhees, Bob Werner, Oliver Hillier, Steve Wieland

Members Absent: Bob Finbraaten, MeriJo Lonergan

Others Present: Katie Losness

Chair Hanson called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 28, 1990, in the Commissioner's Conference Room of the Mower County Courthouse in Austin, Minnesota. The minutes of the July 31, 1990, meeting were approved as mailed on a motion made by Mr. Wieland, seconded by Mr. Hillier and passed unanimously.

Request for Change of Non-Conforming Use to Allow Furniture Refinishing Business - David & Judith Laskewitz: Ms. Losness read the staff report. David and Judith Laskewitz are requesting the change on property owned by Robert Riemers which was formerly the D & J Truck Stop in Lansing Township (W 225.2 ft N 332.2 ft NW 1/4 SW 1/4, Section 15) and had been changed in April of this year to allow automobile sales. The existing and surrounding zoning is Agricultural District. The surrounding land use is residential.

Judith Laskewitz told the Commission they would like to open a furniture refinishing business in the existing building excluding where the cafe had been. They would be stripping furniture with chemicals that are recycled and therefore, wouldn't go into the septic system or on the ground. They will have a recovery system to allow re-use of the chemicals. The only residue that will need disposing of is dried paint. They told the Commission that this recovery system had previously been used in a business on the east side of Austin.

Mr. Hillier asked whether there would be exhaust fumes that would affect the neighbors. Mrs. Laskewitz stated that there are built in filters and the neighbors shouldn't be able to smell a thing. This kind of operation is strictly regulated by the Pollution Control Agency. They would not allow any automobile sales on the property if this is granted. They would not store any furniture outside of the building; there may possibly have a display area inside the building.

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After further discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Braaten to approve the change of non-conforming use to allow a furniture refinishing business and sales of refinished furniture contingent upon obtaining any licensing required by the Pollution Control Agency and adhering to any laws dealing with noxious odors, fumes and excess noise. The motion was seconded by Mr. Werner and passed unanimously. Ms. Losness announced that the hearing before the County Board would be held at 1:30 p.m. on September 4, 1990.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Wieland.

Respectfully submitted,


Katie Losness