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November 26, 1991

Minutes of the Mower County Planning Commission Regular Meeting

Members Present: MeriJo Lonergan, Keith Voorhees, Don Olson,
Herb Hanson, Oliver Hillier

Members Absent: Gary Braaten, Don Johnson, Bob Werner, Greta
Kraushaar

Others Present: William C. Buckley, Daryl W. Franklin

Chair Hanson called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 26, 1991, in the Commissioner's Conference Room in the Mower County Courthouse in Austin. Minutes of the October 29, 1991, meeting were approved as mailed on a motion by Mr. Voorhees, seconded by Mr. Hillier and passed unanimously.

CUP #434 To Allow Grading and Filling in the Shoreland District -

Paul Hirsch: This hearing was tabled from the October 29, 1991, meeting. The staff report was read. Mr. Hirsch is requesting a conditional use permit to allow grading and filling in the Shoreland District to facilitate the construction of a pond on his property in Lansing Township (Outlots in Section 26, OLs 4, 5 & 6 exc. S 50 ft. E 67 ft. & W 33 ft. N 150 ft. E 235 ft. OL 7). Mr. Franklin explained that the hearing should be continued since comments are needed from the Department of Natural Resources.

Mr. Hirsch and neighbor, Rod Kinny, presented information on the request. Mr. Hirsch explained that he was originally contacted by DNR and thought it was just a regular drawing required. He later found out it was supposed to be an engineered drawing and he is currently working on the drawing. Mr. Hillier wanted to know what the purpose of the project was. Mr. Hirsch explained that it was for a fish pond. Mr. Hirsch also raised the question that if the DNR permit isn't approved for the pond, he would like to have a grading and filling permit to fill in the total area between his property and Mr. Kinny's property and the Cedar River. After some discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Hanson, seconded by Ms. Lonergan to continue the hearing until Monday, December 30th at 2:00 p.m. at which time DNR's comments will be reviewed.

A motion was made by Mr. Voorhees, seconded by Mr. Olson, to change the regular Planning Commission's regular meeting for December to Monday, December 30th at 2:00 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

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Conditional Use Permit #434 for Sand and Gravel Extraction in the Agricultural District - Richard Morgan: The staff report was read. Richard Morgan is requesting a conditional use permit for a sand and gravel extraction on property owned by him and Wallace Bustad (E 1580 ft. & W 1060 ft., N of river, NW 1/4 of Section 26, Austin Township). Existing and surrounding land uses are agricultural, Zoned Agricultural District. Mr. Hillier explained that he and Mr. Voorhees were at the site and they could see no problem with the request.

Mr. Morgan presented an SCS photo and explained that the site had been a previous gravel pit and they were applying for the permit. He is now having a site plan prepared and it should be done by December 15th.

Sam and Colleen Brunton, property owners to the south, were concerned about traffic and dust control, that it would devalue their property and would be a nuisance. They were worried there could be blasting which would be a problem. They felt that more information, including the site plan, was needed. Don Livingston, area property owner, felt it would be a nuisance. Linda Price, the individual who lives directly north of the access road, was concerned about the traffic situation.

Mr. Hillier stated that it should be kept in mind that there is a need for gravel for projects to further growth and development in the County. A motion was made by Mr. Olson, seconded by Mr. Hillier to continue the hearing until December 30th at 2:00 p.m. at which time Mr. Morgan would have the site plans available for review.

Conditional Use Permit #437 for Sand and Gravel Extraction in the Agricultural District - Delmar Ellis: The staff report was read. Mr. Ellis is requesting a conditional use permit for sand and gravel extraction on his property (W 660 ft. E 1704.51 ft. N 660 ft. N 1/2 SW 1/4 in Section 30, Red Rock Township). Mr. Ellis explained that what he is proposing to excavate is just a small area and that he is going to be taking the gravel for his concrete business.

Chair Hanson said that he is concerned about the previous violations and said he thought it was appropriate to get a site plan so we know exactly what Mr. Ellis is proposing to do. He should have a site plan showing his existing property lines, what he is proposing to do and a cross section of existing and proposed elevations. Staff would then review the site plan with the County Engineer to see that it meets the Code.

A motion to table the request to December 30th, at 2:00 p.m. was made by Mr. Olson, seconded by Ms. Lonergan and passed unanimously.

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Other Business: Chair Hanson wanted to know what happens after a conditional use permit for a stone quarry or gravel pit is approved by the County Board. He felt this information should be transmitted to the Assessor's Office so they could make appropriate references in their taxing of the property. Staff informed him that it will be researched and possibly requested that this action be taken by the County Board.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Hillier, seconded by Mr. Voorhees and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Daryl W. Franklin
Planning Director