

MOWER COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT

July 13, 1992

Minutes of the Mower County Planning Commission Meeting

Members Present: Greta Kraushaar, Keith Voorhees, Herb Hanson, Gary Braaten, Oliver Hillier, and Gary Nemitz.

Members Absent: Meri Jo Lonergan, Bob Werner, and Don Olson.

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

Chair Hanson called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. on Monday, July 13, 1992, in the Commissioner's Conference Room of the Mower County Courthouse in Austin, Minnesota. Minutes of the June 30, 1992 meeting were approved as mailed on a motion made by Keith Voorhees and seconded by Gary Braaten and passed unanimously.

Conditional Use Permit #444 for Conditional Use Permit to Store and Crush Concrete Materials at the Site of the Ulland Quarry, Section 27, Austin Township: Herb Hanson called upon Greta Kraushaar to explain about a recent visit to the Ulland Crushing at Harmony, Minnesota. Pictures were presented showed the operation. Greta Kraushaar stated that there was not as much noise and dust that she assumed that there would be. At this time they had not been watering, and the water would limit the dust further. Herb Hanson called upon Bill Buckley who presented information that he had found after discussing the situation with certain state offices. See attached memos dated July 7 & 8, 1992. Tom Higgins was concerned about the toxic runoff from the stock pile. Bud Higgins was concerned what was in the concrete. Mary Bush was opposed to the crushing of the concrete. Daryl Thompson also spoke about concerns of the concrete. Planning Commission member Nemitz asked where the concrete was stored. Ken Johnson explained that it was on the top of the site. Gary Braaten stated that from his perspective the rain would not go into the stock pile. Larry Wilson spoke on limiting the time of crushing. After some discussion a motion was made by Greta Kraushaar, seconded by Gary Braaten to recommend approval of the conditional use permit #444 to the Mower County Board of Commissioners. Based upon the facts that the Planning Commission had found that the permit was in compliance with section 14-31 of the Mower County code. The following conditions were recommended on the conditional use permit:

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1. Ulland Brothers must maintain a low water mist during crushing operation.
2. Any runoff that would be present from this low water mist during the crushing operation must be contained and disposed by Ullands.
3. Hours of operation would be from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. daily.
4. The permit would be for a five year period of time.
5. Crushing would be limited to ten working days per year.

All voted in favor of the motion except Mr. Nemitz who abstained. After the vote was taken, Ron Skjeveland wanted to know that if there was a violation of the permit, could it be revoked.

Daryl W. Franklin explained that from his perspective that this was a matter of due process and had to go through the procedure to revoke the permit.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m. on a motion by Keith Voorhees, seconded by Gary Braaten. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,


Daryl W. Franklin
Planning Director

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