

MOWER COUNTY

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Minutes Mower County Planning Commission

Members Present: Herb Hanson, Oliver Hillier, Greta Kraushaar, Mary Jo Lonergan, Don Olson, Keith Vorhees

Members Absent: Gary Braaten, Robert Warner

Others Present: Daryl W. Franklin

Chair Hanson called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 23, 1993, in the conference room of the Mower County Courthouse, Austin, Minnesota. Minutes of the January 26, 1993, meeting were approved as mailed on a motion by Keith Vorhees, seconded by Greta Kraushaar, passed unanimously.

Change of Zone #134: The staff report was presented. It was explained that the Planning Commission is considering the rezoning in order to bring the area into conformity with existing land uses in the area. 134 is the property that is currently used by Jennings Salvage Company. Mr. Dan Jennings, who was present, spoke in favor of the rezoning. There being no further discussion, a motion was made by Don Olson, seconded by Oliver Hillier to recommend that the County Board proceed with the rezoning from "A" Agricultural to "I-2" General Industrial District. The Planning Commission felt that the uses allowed in the General "I-2" zone were compatible with the existing land uses in the area. The motion passed unanimously.

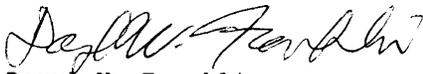
Change of Use #135: The staff report was presented. There are many owners located the east and west side of County state Aid Highway 45. Lloyd Deven was present and was concerned about retail businesses needing a conditional use permit. It was explained that this would only be for new retail businesses. Existing ones would be nonconforming and could be sold and continue. After some discussion the motion was made by Greta Kraushaar, seconded by Keith Vorhees, to recommend that the Mower County Board of Commissioners rezone the property from the "B-1" to "T-7" so it will conform with the existing City of Austin zoning to the west and be in conformance with the land uses. The Planning Commission found that the uses allowed in the limited Industrial District were compatible with all existing land uses in the area. The motion passed unanimously.

Bonds for Gravel Pit: Questions on the uniformity of Gravel Pit Bonds were discussed by the Chair. Wally Bustad was present and spoke of the need to have uniformity of bonds. He even questioned why you had the bonds. The Planning Commission reviewed the material that was presented to them from the County Engineer,

County Planner and Marathon County. Items discussed were a bond based on size with the first acre being so much and subsequent acres or part of acres. In addition, the Planning Commission discussed a financial assurance in its release. The Planning Commission requested that staff bring back written policy to the next meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m. on motion by Keith Vorhees, seconded by Oliver Hillier, passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Daryl W. Franklin
Planning Director

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