

MOWER COUNTY

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Minutes Mower County Planning Commission

Members Present: Oliver Hillier, Greta Kraushaar, Don Olson,
Keith Vorhees, Gary Braaten

Members Absent: Herb Hanson, Mary Jo Lonergan, Robert Werner

Others Present: Daryl W. Franklin

Vice-chair Olson called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 30, 1993, in the Conference Room of the Mower County Courthouse, Austin, Minnesota. Minutes of the February 23, 1993, meeting were approved as mailed on a motion by Greta Kraushaar, seconded by Keith Vorhees, passed unanimously.

Conditional Use Permit #456 - Randy Shamp/Freeborn Mower Electric Cooperative To establish an agriculturally oriented business, specifically a machine and welding shop for manufacturing of farm products, display area, and a small steel sales area. The property is located at: Commencing at a point, which point is the intersection of the S line of the right of way of Section 6, Township 102 N, Range 17 W of the 5th P.M. thence S along the E line of said NE1/4, a distance of 427.042 ft, more or less to a copper rod, thence right of way line of said hwy #16, thence E 190.5 ft, to the point of the beginning. Mower County, Minnesota. Randy Shamp was called upon to present background on his proposal and how he would conduct the operation. He explained that he would be operating with a small crew of maybe four to six individuals. In time he also hopes to move to a better facility in the area of Hwy 56 and I-90, which would provide better access to I-90. Kermit Thomas and Leo Smith, neighbors, were concerned with the operation and how it would impact on them with noise, vibration, etc. It was explained that he would have small brake press and not using electrical usage outside of the normal. Mr. Smith presented a letter from Lori & Mark Guenningsman stating their concern that the facility would cause increased traffic, endanger children, devalue their property. Duane McFarland, also a property owner in the area, was concerned about manufacturing in a predominantly residential area and also raised a concern about the load limits on the bridges. Kent Ulland, a neighbor, had some questions. Randy stated that he wants to be a good neighbor and work with people to try and address the concern that they talked about. He explained that his general hours are from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. After some discussion, a motion was made by Gary Braaten, seconded by Oliver Hillier, that the Conditional Use Permit was in accordance with Section 14-31 of the Mower County Code and recommended approval of the CUP with the following conditions:

- 1) Petitioner have all storage of raw materials and finished products stored inside a building except for display area.
- 2) Petitioner must provide parking area on site for employees.
- 3) All operations must be in accordance with applicable State and Federal regulations.
- 4) Comply with Bill Buckley letter dated March 29, 1993.
- 5) Hours of operation restricted to 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday.
- 6) The permit will expire on April 30, 1998.

Motion passed unanimously.

Bonding Limits for Gravel Pits: The Planning Commission reviewed the proposal on bonding limits for gravel pits. A motion was made by Greta Kraushaar, seconded by Oliver Hillier, that we recommend that the County Board review the policy and if they are comfortable and in concurrence with it they pass the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:59 p.m. on motion by Keith Vorhees, seconded by Gary Braaten, passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Daryl W. Franklin
Planning Director

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