

MOWER COUNTY

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Minutes Mower County Planning Commission

Members Present: Oliver Hillier, Don Olson, Keith Vorhees, Gary Braaten, Robert Werner

Members Absent: Herb Hanson, Mary Jo Lonergan, Greta Kraushaar

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

Vice-chair Olson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 27, 1993, in the Conference Room of the Mower County Courthouse, Austin, Minnesota. Minutes of the March 30, 1993, meeting were approved as mailed on a motion by Keith Vorhees, seconded by Gary Braaten, passed unanimously.

Conditional Use Permit #392 - Steve Durst Renewal of the conditional use permit to establish an agriculturally-oriented business consisting of grain drying and weighing and seed sales. Staff report was presented. Mr. Durst reported his intention. 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) Operations must be in compliance with all Department of Agriculture and Minnesota Pollution Control Agency regulations.
- 2) Permit will be permanent.

Motion passed unanimously.

Conditional Use Permit #457 - David Hillier Conditional use permit for a solid waste handling and processing facility, specifically a yard-waste compost site. Staff report was presented. Mr. Hillier presented a detailed explanation as to how the system would operate, how material would be received, processing, etc. It was also explained that there maybe some direct spreading which would be in accordance with MPCA regulations. Jeff Weaver and William Buckley raised some questions relating to controlled access to the site and illegal dumping in the adjacent road ditches. Shelly Cummings, citizen, had concerns and were discussed with Board members. After some discussion, a motion was made by Robert Werner, seconded by Gary Braaten 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 revised conditions:

- 1) The operation must comply with all applicable rules of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and Mower County Ordinances.
- 2) The compost operation shall not be located in any soils classified in hydrologic group D of the 1989 Mower County Soil Survey.
- 3) Surface water drainage must be controlled to prevent runoff and must be diverted from the compost and storage areas.
- 4) The site will be subject to inspection every month from April through November.
- 5) Site limited to yardwaste, as defined by MPCA.
- 6) The hours of operation shall be 3:00 p.m. to sunset on Monday through Friday; 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Saturday; closed on Sunday. Open from April through November.
- 7) Establish a controlled access to compost site.
- 8) Petitioner will be responsible for removal of illegal dumped material in ditches adjacent to the property.
- 9) This permit will expire on May 31, 1998, and may be renewed at that time.

Conditional Use Permit #458 - Little Cedar Lutheran Church - Conditional use permit to expand their cemetery. Staff report was presented. Mike Finbraaten, from the Little Cedar Lutheran Church, presented information. After some discussion, a motion was made by Keith Vorhees, seconded by Robert Werner that the Conditional Use Permit was in accordance with Section 14-31 of the Mower County Code and recommended approval of the CUP as a permanent permit. Motion passed unanimously.

Conditional Use Permit #459 - Jack D. & Elsie Fox and Larry & Marlys Lee - Conditional use permit for an additional farm dwelling per farm operation. Staff report was presented. After some discussion, a motion was made by Robert Werner, seconded by Gary Braaten that the Conditional Use Permit was in accordance with Section 14-31 of the Mower County Code and recommended approval of the CUP as a permanent permit. Motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m. on motion by Keith Vorhees, seconded by Oliver Hillier, motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,


Daryl W. Franklin
Planning Director