

MOWER COUNTY

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Minutes Mower County Planning Commission

Members Present: Herb Hanson, Greta Kraushaar, Oliver Hillier, Don Olson, Keith Vorhees, Gary Braaten, Robert Werner

Members Absent: Meri Jo Lonergan

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

Chair Herb Hanson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 29, 1993, in the Conference Room of the Mower County Courthouse, Austin, Minnesota. Minutes of the May 25, 1993, meeting were approved as mailed on a motion by Greta Kraushaar, seconded by Gary Braaten, passed unanimously.

Conditional Use Permit #461 - Northern Natural Gas for installation of a 12" high pressure gas line in the Ag District. Staff report was presented. Northern Natural currently has a gas pipeline in the area and are now adding a new pipeline. Dennis Werkmeister, representative from Northern Natural, spoke about the petition. Gary Braaten and Don Olson, investigating committee, explained that they had been out and talked to a farmer in the area and that he was very pleased Northern Natural. After some discussion, a motion was made by Gary Braaten, seconded by Keith Vorhees, 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) Comply with Utility Placement Ordinance.
- 2) Contact the SWCD/SCS to comply with Swampbuster and other applicable regulations.
- 3) Be a permanent permit.

Motion passed unanimously.

Conditional Use Permit #462 - James Casady Conditional Use Permit for a home occupation in an accessory building. Staff report was presented. Mr. Casady proposes to operate a photography video production and client consultation; fine art, graphics & line illustration facility in a barn on the property. Don Olson and Gary Braaten, investigating committee, discussed their evaluation of the site. They were very impressed with what has been done and feel that the area is appropriate. After some discussion, a motion was made by Don Olson, 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 with the following conditions:

- 1) Any chemical used in association with the operation shall be disposed of in accordance with State and Federal regulations.

Motion passed unanimously.

Amendments to Mower County Zoning Ordinance The Planning Commission discussed the amendments to the Zoning Ordinance to allow solid waste handling and disposal facilities as conditional uses in the B-1, B-2, I-1, I-2 zones. After some discussion, a motion was made by Don Olson, seconded by Robert Werner to recommend that the County Board proceed with these amendments to the Zoning Ordinance. Motion passed unanimously.

Waste Water Management Ordinance - Bill Buckley discussed the Waste Water Management Ordinance with the Planning Commission.

Thank You - Herb Hanson presented a plaque to Robert Werner expressing the appreciation of the Planning Commission and County Board for his nine years of service on the Planning Commission.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m. on motion by Keith Vorhees, seconded by Greta Kraushaar. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,


Daryl W. Franklin
Planning Director