

MOWER COUNTY

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Minutes Mower County Planning Commission

Members Present: Herb Hanson, Oliver Hillier, Don Olson, Meri Jo Lonergan.

Members Absent: Gary Braaten, Greta Krashaar, Keith Vorhees.

Others Present: William C. Buckley, Fred Hoisington, Daryl W. Franklin

Chair Herb Hanson called the special meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 21, 1993, in the Conference Room of the Mower County Courthouse, Austin, Minnesota. Minutes of the June 29, 1993, meeting were approved as mailed on a motion by Don Olson, seconded by Oliver Hillier, passed unanimously.

Conditional Use Permit #463 - Wallace Bustad for an additional farm dwelling per farm operation. The owner wishes to move the existing farm house on his farmstead and construct a new house then sell or rent the old house. Existing land use is farmstead and CRP land. Existing zoning is Agricultural. Don Olson and Oliver Hillier, the investigating committee, explained that they had been out to view the site and discuss the situation. It seems like an appropriate usage. Staff report was presented. After some discussion, a motion was made by Don Olson, seconded by Oliver Hillier, that Conditional Use Permit #463 was in accordance with Section 14-31 of the Mower County Code and recommended approval of the CUP with the following conditions:

- 1) The second farm dwelling parcel comply with all requirements of the Mower County Zoning Ordinance.
- 2) That the owner comply with Mower County Code concerning the on-site waste disposal system and well.
- 3) That a new on-site sewage treatment system be constructed for a new dwelling built or moved onto the property and that if the existing home is moved an approved on-site sewage treatment system will be constructed for that as well. Separate Sewer Permits will be required for each system installed on the property.

Motion passed unanimously. It was explained that the Mower County Board would act on this permit on July 28, 1993, at 10:00 a.m.

Sewage and Wastewater Management Ordinance Draft- Bill Buckley and Fred Hoisington conducted a review of the Sewage and Wastewater Management Ordinance draft. There were minor changes recommended. The Planning Commission was comfortable with the Ordinance overall. It was felt that the next step would be a meeting with Mower County sewer contractors and septage haulers to go over the Ordinance and gain their comments and input. It was decided that this should be held at the August 31, 1993, meeting.

Surface Water Management Ordinance Draft - Fred Hoisington explained that this is a natural follow-up to the Agricultural Soil Erosion Ordinance. The proposed ordinance is a urban soil erosion ordinance. He discussed that the Ordinance would have jurisdiction within all of the communities of the County. It could be either the County Ordinance or if the municipality would want to adopt and enforce their own ordinance which was at least or more stringent then the County's that would be acceptable.

Use of Concrete for Road Base - Bill Buckley shared with the Mower County Planning Commission the current situation with the use of concrete for road base material. Wally Bustad shared some of his concerns about the discussion. It was felt that it would be appropriate to discuss this at a future meeting.

County Board and Spaceage Tool Complaint - The County Board's direction to the Planning Commission was discussed for a public meeting on Spaceage Tools compliance with Mower County Regulations. The Planning Commission felt that the most appropriate thing would be to have a tour of the Dinsmoor Acre area at a special meeting held at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 18, 1993, then have a public meeting in the Courthouse. Staff was directed to contact Spaceage Tool to arrange a meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m. on motion by Meri Jo Lonergan, seconded by Oliver Hillier. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,


Daryl W. Franklin
Planning Director