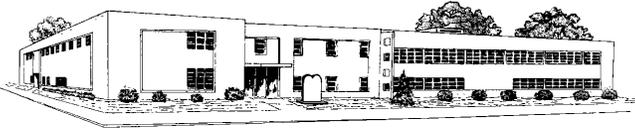


# MOWER COUNTY

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## Minutes Mower County Planning Commission

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

Members Absent: Gary Braaten, Greta Kraushaar.

Others Present: Daryl W. Franklin.

Chair Herb Hanson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 26, 1993, in the Conference Room of the Mower County Courthouse, Austin, Minnesota. Minutes of the September 28, 1993, meeting were approved as mailed on a motion by Oliver Hillier seconded by Keith Voorhees, passed unanimously.

**Amendment to Conditional Use Permit #461 - Northern Natural Gas -** Petition to install a 12" high pressure natural gas line within an existing easement in section 4, 5 & 6 of Udolpho Township. Staff report was presented. Dennis Werkmeister, Northern Natural Gas, explained their proposal. After some discussion, a motion was made by Don Olson, seconded by Keith Voorhees, to amend conditional use permit #461 to include the areas in section 4, 5, and 6, of Udolpho Township is 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 #470 - Alan Hansel** Conditional Use Permit for a communication tower in section 15, Lansing Township. The staff report was presented. Mr. Hansel explained the proposal that he has several of these towers up - some in residential areas and they were compatible with the area. There will be no lights on the tower or extra traffic. He also would install an 8 to 10 foot chain link fence around the tower and equipment building and that the rest of the land would be in agricultural. Several of the neighbors raised questions. Ron Griebel raised a question on the proposed location. Mr. Hansel explained that he wanted to be close to Austin where people could be serviced and also the area was fairly high. Lil Waller wanted to know what the tower would be used for and was concerned about cancer. Mr. Hansel stated that there are studies about cellular phone antennas causing cancer but that they were not conclusive. Mary Norris wanted to know about the size of the building. It would be 8 x 10 foot. Delmar Stuhr

stated that he felt the tower would not cause any interference or devaluation of property. A letter was presented from Jerry Becker, Deputy Assessor, stating that no devaluation of property has occurred due to communication towers. Mr. Hansel stated that there would be no interference with other electrical equipment. After some discussion, a motion was made by Don Olson, seconded by Meri Jo Lonergan, that Conditional Use Permit #470 was in accordance with section 14-31 of the Mower County Code and recommended approval of the CUP with the following conditions:

1. Be a permanent permit.
2. An 8 to 10 foot chain link fence would be erected and maintained around tower and equipment building.
3. Petitioner secure appropriate FCC and FAA permits and/licenses.

Motion passed unanimously.

**Condition Use Permit #469 - Gene & Bridgit Tapp.** Conditional use permit for a one time demolition landfill in section 18, Dexter Township. The staff report was presented. Phil Hatten, from the Brownsdale Fire Association, spoke in favor of the landfill. He stated that they had disposed of part of the Brownsdale Creamery Building at the site. Don Olson and Keith Voorhees, investigating committee, had viewed the site with Mr. Tapp. They also viewed the site in Brownsdale and where the remaining foundation is located and needs to be hauled off. After some discussion, a motion was made by Keith Voorhees, seconded by Meri Jo Lonergan, that Conditional Use Permit #469 was in accordance with section 14-31 of the Mower County Code and recommended approval of the CUP with the following conditions:

1. No additional demolition material shall be brought onto the site except for the remaining concrete footings and floor of the old Brownsdale Creamery.
2. Existing material must be covered with a minimum of six (6) inches of suitable soil for seeding.
3. Any debris on the land or in the water must be picked up and properly disposed of.
4. A MPCA permit must be obtained.
5. A Mower County Solid Waste Permit must be obtained if necessary.
6. All work must be completed by June 30, 1994.

Motion passed unanimously.

**Petition for Platting - Lance Pogones - Section 31, Lansing Township.** It was stated that Mr. Pogones was still getting soil borings and perc tests. A motion was made by Keith Voorhees, seconded by Meri Jo Lonergan, to continue the hearing until the November meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8.00 p.m.  
on motion by Oliver Hillier, seconded by Keith Voorhees. Motion  
passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Daryl W. Franklin  
Planning Director

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