

# MOWER COUNTY

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## Minutes Mower County Planning Commission

Members Present: Gary Braaten, Oliver Hillier, Don Olson, Keith Voorhees.

Members Absent: Herb Hanson, Greta Kraushaar, Meri Jo Lonergan.

Others Present: Daryl W. Franklin.

Vice-Chair Don Olson called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 30, 1993, in the Conference Room of the Mower County Courthouse, Austin, Minnesota. Minutes of the October 26, 1993, meeting were approved as mailed on a motion by Keith Voorhees seconded by Gary Braaten, passed unanimously.

**Conditional Use Permit #461 - Wallace Bustad -** Petition for temporary storage and crushing of concrete and bituminous material in section 27, Lansing Township. Staff report was presented. Don Olson and Oliver Hillier, investigating committee, found no problem with the proposal. Evan Larson, attorney representing Wallace Bustad, explained the procedure and stated that Mr. Bustad is responding to requests and mandates from the State of Minnesota that it is necessary to do recycling of concrete and bituminous materials. There was no opposition to the permit. After some discussion, a motion was made by Gary Braaten, seconded by Oliver Hillier, that Conditional Use Permit #461 was in accordance with section 14-31 of the Mower County Code and recommended approval of the CUP with the following conditions:

1. Must maintain a low water mist during crushing operation.
2. Any runoff that would be present from this low water mist during the crushing must be contained and disposed of by Wallace Bustad.
3. Hours of operation would be from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
4. The permit would expire on November 30, 1998.
5. When crushing begins, Wallace Bustad shall notify the Planning & Zoning Office in writing.
6. No crushing will take place while outside activities are scheduled at the old Farmfest site which would be adversely impacted by crushing.

Motion passed unanimously.

**Conditional Use Permit #472 - Gordon Cassidy** Conditional use permit for a home occupation in an accessory building employing people who do not reside on the property in section 13, Austin Township. Mr. Cassidy wants to move his communication business to his home. The staff report was presented. Mr. Cassidy explained his proposal to do business in an expanded garage or accessory building on his property. He explained that he would not have a large number of customers coming to the site since most of his business is to repair equipment on site. Mrs. Helen White and Miriam Loock, adjoining neighbors, spoke in favor of the permit and had no problem with the operation. After some discussion, a motion was made by Gary Braaten, seconded by Keith Voorhees, that Conditional Use Permit #472 was in accordance with section 14-31 of the Mower County Code and recommended approval of the CUP with the following conditions:

1. Permit will expire on January 1, 2004.
2. The occupation shall be limited to no more than 5 on-site employees.

Motion passed unanimously.

**Conditional Use Permit #429 (Amendment) Alton Nelson** - Conditional use permit amendment to allow for machining and welding of motorcycles in section 15, Austin Township. The staff report was presented. Mr. Nelson explained what he was proposing to do with the machine shop. The investigating committee reported on their visit to the site. After some discussion, a motion was made by Oliver Hillier, seconded by Keith Voorhees, that Conditional Use Permit #429 amendment was in accordance with section 14-31 of the Mower County Code and recommended approval of the CUP with the following conditions:

1. Allow for the machining and welding of motorcycles inside the building.
2. Fenced storage area shall not exceed the current size of 50' x 100'.
3. Permit shall expire September 30, 1994.

Motion passed unanimously.

**Petition for Platting - Lance Pogones** - Section 31, Lansing Township. Mr. Pogones presented his revised plat. He had the soils information from CMS per the request of Mr. Buckley. He explained the plat. Mrs. Darwin Viker, who owns a 40 acre parcel to the East of the property, was opposed to the plat. She was concerned about the future home owners being opposed to livestock, therefore their property would not be able to be used for this purpose. They felt that additional housing would cause more congestion in the rural area. They also felt that a precedent may be set for other farm land to be converted to subdivisions and would not be compatible with the agricultural area. Don Olson and

Oliver Hillier, investigating committee, reported on their visit to the site. They were concerned about the taking of agricultural land out of production and compatibility. After some discussion, a motion was made by Keith Voorhees, seconded by Gary Braaten, that they recommend approval of the plat which contained a total of three lots provided Mr. Pogones complied with William Buckley letter dated November 29, 1993, requesting additional information. Motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m. on motion by Keith Voorhees, seconded by Gary Braaten. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Daryl W. Franklin  
Planning Director

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