



MOWER COUNTY

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Minutes Mower County Planning Commission

Members Present: Gary Braaten, Duane Hanson, Oliver Hillier, Greta Kraushaar, Meri Jo Lonergan, Don Olson, Keith Voorhees.

Members Absent: None.

Others Present: Bill Buckley, Citizens of Mower County, Daryl Franklin.

Chair Duane Hanson called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 26, 1994, in the Conference Room of the Mower County Courthouse, Austin, Minnesota. Minutes of the March 30, 1994, meeting were approved as mailed on a motion by Greta Kraushaar, seconded by Meri Jo Lonergan. The motion passed unanimously.

Amendment to Conditional Use Permit #445 - City of Austin/Robert & Mary Lau -

Amend CUP to allow composting of yard waste in Section 4, Lyle Township. Staff report was presented to the Planning Commission. Kevin Bittner, Assistant City Engineer, was present and discussed the proposal. Reference was made to the on-site visit by Don Olson and Keith Voorhees. After some discussion, a motion was made by Gary Braaten, seconded by Greta Kraushaar, to recommend approval of amendment to conditional use permit #445 because the Planning Commission found that it was in accordance with Section 14-31 of the Mower County Code with the following conditions:

1. Provide site plan at a scale of 1":50' that shows location for composting.
2. The operation must comply with all applicable rules of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and Mower County Ordinances.
3. The compost operation shall not be located in any soils classified in hydrologic group D of the 1989 Mower County Soil Survey.
4. The site will be subject to inspection every month from April through November.
5. Site limited to yard waste as defined by the MPCA.
6. Establish a controlled access to compost site.
7. Petitioner will be responsible for removal of illegally dumped material in ditches adjacent to this property.

8. That the material not be stored in a manner that impedes flood waters.
9. That erosion control measures be taken to prevent the material from being introduced to the river as a result of storm water runoff.
10. This permit will expire on December 31, 1999.

The motion passed unanimously.

Conditional Use Permit #475 - Michael J. & Shirley D. Adams - Conditional use permit for a bed & breakfast and museum/gift shop in Section 34, Dexter Township. Staff report was presented. Norb Hamilton was present representing the Adams who could not attend due to a death in the family. It was explained a the new Bed & Breakfast approximately 60' x 60' would be designed to be handicap accessible. After some discussion, a motion was made by Don Olson, seconded by Oliver Hillier, to recommend approval of conditional use permit #475 for a new bed & breakfast and gift shop/museum in the new building and to use the existing home as a bed & breakfast with the barn as a gift shop/museum in the future because it was in accordance with Section 14-31 of the Mower County Code with the following conditions:

1. Permit will be permanent.
2. Must receive all required licenses from the Minnesota Department of Health and comply with their regulations.
3. Sewer system on existing home must be brought into compliance with current Mower County Code and cease the direct sewage discharge to the creek.
4. No future subdivision of this parcel will be allowed.

The motion passed unanimously.

Conditional Use Permit #476 - David Dickey - Conditional use permit for a home occupation in an accessory building in Section 15, Lansing Township. Staff report was presented. David Dickey was present to explain that he would like to have a cabinet shop in an accessory building and employ two people not residing on the property. Reference was made to the on-site visit to the property by Keith Voorhees and Don Olson. After some discussion, a motion was made by Greta Kraushaar, seconded by Keith Voorhees, to recommend approval of conditional use permit #476 for a home occupation in an accessory building and to employ up to two people not residing on the property because it was in accordance with Section 14-31 of the Mower County Code with the following conditions:

1. Permit will expire on December 31, 2000.
2. When toilet facilities are installed in the building, the on-site septic system must be in accordance with current Mower County regulations.
3. When two employees are hired, toilet facilities will be required.

The motion passed unanimously.

Conditional Use Permit #477 - Alan Hansel - Conditional use permit for a communication tower in Section 16, Lansing Township. Staff report was presented. Reference was made to the on-site visit. Mr. Hansel explained his proposal. Don Olson stated that he was pleased with Mr. Hansel relocating the tower from section 15 of Lansing Township. After some discussion, a motion was made by Keith Voorhees, seconded by Don Olson, to approve

conditional use permit #477 because it was in accordance with Section 14-31 of the Mower County Code with the following condition:

1. Be a permanent permit.

The motion passed unanimously.

Feedlot Information - Dave Quinlan, Mower County Extension Service, and Lowell Franzen, Mower County SWCD, were introduced. Mr. Quinlan provided information on the County feedlot program.

Proposed Mower County Individual Sewage Treatment Ordinance - At 8:00 p.m. the informational meeting on the proposed ordinance was started. Considering the large turn out and that not all the people who wanted to attend could not get in the room to hear the presentation by Bill Buckley. Commissioner Hanson called for a motion to continue the hearing to larger and different locations in the County. A motion was made by Don Olson, seconded by Meri Jo Lonergan, to hold four hearings in different locations throughout the County. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m. on motion by Keith Voorhees, seconded by Oliver Hillier. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Daryl W. Franklin
Planning Director

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