

Mower County Planning Commission

Minutes of the Mower County Planning Commission

Members Present: Diane Benson, Meri Jo Lonergan, Dave Hillier, Vance Larson, Myles Bendtsen, and Sheldon Lukes

Members Absent: Harold Boverhuis, Brian McAlister

Others Present: Citizens, Lee Bonorden (Austin Daily Herald), Glen Jacobsen (Mower Co. Asst. Attorney), Denice Mudra, and Daryl W. Franklin

Chair David Hillier called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 29, 1999, at the Mower County Courthouse, 201 1st Street NE, Austin, Minnesota. Minutes of the April 28, 1999, minutes were approved as mailed on a motion by Sheldon Lukes, seconded by Miles Bendtsen. The motion passed unanimously.

CUP #550 – Austin Christian Fellowship Church. To establish a Church applicable to Section 14-61(c) of the Mower County Zoning Ordinance. Austin Township Section 15, PIN#02-051-0560, 02-051-0570, 02-051-0580, 02-051-0600.

Staff Presentation: Reference was made to the site investigation performed by the members of the Planning Commission including Brian McAlister, Sheldon Lukes, & Dave Hillier. Staff report and map was presented.

Applicant's Presentation: Pastor Barry Thompson explained their proposal for the re-use of the former Spaceage Tool property. The property is located in an Urban/Rural Expansion District and the church is a conditional use. Pastor Barry presented a drawing showing the parking lot. Discussion took place on the parking lot and the need for engineering involvement for parking lot design.

Statement from the Public: No one was present to comment. ***Conclude the***

Public Hearing: Dave Hillier closed the public hearing. He asked Sheldon Lukes for any comments. Sheldon stated that it would be a compatible usage with the area. An extensive discussion took place on the requirements for parking. A motion was made by Sheldon Lukes, seconded by Diane Benson to recommend the approval CUP#550 because it is in accordance with Section 14-31 of the County code with the following conditions:

1. Be permanent.
2. Provide off street parking as required in Section 14-14 of the Mower County Zoning Regulations and present plans and specifications of the parking lot to the County Engineer for review.

3. Parking lot construction shall be coordinated with the installation of the new 24th Avenue SW, however the parking lot shall be completed no later than June 30, 2002.
4. Parking lot shall be constructed so the water runoff will go south to 24th Avenue SW.

Motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Hillier explained that the County Board would be acting on this hearing at their July 6, 1999 meeting at 1:30 p.m.

A discussion took place on the training that is being offered and all members were strongly encouraged to attend the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m. on a motion by Sheldon Lukes, seconded by Meri Jo Lonergan. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Daryl W. Franklin
Mower Co. Planning Director

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