

Silver Creek Township

On Tuesday May 07, 2019, the Silver Creek Planning and Zoning Committee met at the Silver Creek Town Hall located at 3827 134th Street NW, Monticello, Minnesota 55362, Wright County, and State of Minnesota. The meeting was tape recorded for transcribing purposes only. Chairman Ness called the Supervisor meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. There were 50+ people in the audience at the start of the meeting. All present stood and recited the pledge of allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. Motion by Supervisor Klein to continue the Supervisor Meeting until after the P & Z Meeting. Second by Supervisor Ludenia. All present in favor. Motion Carried. Richard Chwalek continued with the P & Z Meeting.

Members Present:

Barry Heikkinen	Chris Klein	Sandy Forsman
Dan Ness	Mike Ludenia	Richard Chwalek
Ross Stodola	Tom Vanek	

Absent: John Hanson

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

Minutes of 04/02/2019. Motion to approve minutes by Supervisor Klein. Second by Supervisor Ness. All present in favor. Motion Passed.

CHAIR REPORTS: None

Old Business:

New Business:

Flakne Dog Kennel 9684 Clementa Ave NW review of CUP for dog kennel: Amy & Mark Flakne were present to discuss the CUP. The building is almost done. They have 21 dogs now. We have not received any complaints. This is a private kennel used for their sled dogs. Motion by Supervisor Klein to review this application for CUP in 2 years, 2022, second by Tom Vanek. Motion amended to 2021. Motion passed unanimous

Veit & Co. Anderson Pit 13551 Baker Ave NW: CUP to mine approximately 600,000 cu. yds. of clay. Eric Olson from Veit Co & Mr. Anderson were present. They have not used the site in the last few years, it is still being farmed. There is little over 100,000 yds. of clay left. They do not have any plans for this year. Motion by Supervisor Ness to extend the CUP to review in March 2021, second by Supervisor Ludenia. Motion passed unanimous

Valley Paving (Johnson's Pit) 2998 150th St NW variance to set a portable asphalt plant in the Johnson Pit. Brent Carron and John Woolcock from Valley Paving were present to petition for a CUP to locate a temporary hot mix plant for the 2019 season in the Johnson Material gravel pit. It is a portable asphalt plant. They do not have any work at this time but are hoping to get jobs in the future. They operate seasonally. They usually start up at 6:00am and run until 5-6 PM, Monday –Saturday. They run equipment with propane at the asphalt plant and do not use diesel. They have a bag house that the dust goes into. There are additives that they can use for to mask the smells. Having the plant in a pit should help reduce the noise and have less truck traffic because they can use the gravel in the pit and it is close to the I-94 road project

The residents in attendance expressed these concerns: Toxins and pollution to the air, ground and water sources, the Creek and the Mississippi are close to the area. Smells from the plant when it is running and the diesel trucks hauling. The danger from debris falling from the trucks unto the roads. Residue falling from the air. The noise from the plant and the extra truck traffic. Air quality issues for people living in the area. Feels a study needs to be done to see what impact this would cause to the water and air quality. After much discussion Supervisor Klein made a motion to approve an interim use permit to coincide with the County's ordinances for operating bituminous plants and gravel pits. The hours of operation would be 7:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday through Friday, it would operate the same as the Knife River plant. If any questions with smells that an additive be added to help relinquish that. That there is limited Saturday use. That it is propane fired only, no other combustible fuels can be used while in operation. No recycled or asphalt shingles can be included in the mix and there is an inspection of the site as the plant is broken down for removal. Second by Supervisor Ludenia. Motion amended to add dust control in and out of the pit. Motion passed 5 yes, 3 no.

Russ Martie, 150th St. Mr. Martie was present to request a variance to have a temporary living quarters in a pole shed type building. He does not want to put a mobile home on for farm help use, but would like to put living quarters in the pole barn. There is water, but no sewer on the property. They would use 40 ft. for living area for the farm workers and the rest for storage. There is nothing in the county ordinance that would allow this. Motion by Supervisor Ness that at this time we deny the resident to have a temporary living quarters in a pole shed type building. Second by Supervisor Heikkinen. Motion passed 6-1.

Unfinished Business: None

Misc.:

Upcoming Items:

ADJOURNMENT: A motion by Supervisor Klein to adjourn. Second by Supervisor Forsman. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Silver Creek Township Clerk,
Nancy Betzler

05/07/2019 Minutes
Approved by Board of Supervisor's
06/04/2019

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