

Supervisor's Planning and Zoning Meeting
Minutes July 02, 2019

Silver Creek Township

On Tuesday July 02, 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 14 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 Heikkinen to continue the Supervisor Meeting until after the P & Z Meeting. Second by Supervisor Forsman. All present in favor. Motion Carried. Chairman Richard Chwalek continued with the P & Z Meeting.

Members Present:

Barry Heikkinen	Chris Klein	Tom Vanek
Dan Ness	Sandy Forsman	Richard Chwalek

Absent: Mike Ludenia and Ross Stodola

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

Minutes of 06/04/2019. Motion to approve minutes by Supervisor Ness, second by Supervisor Klein. All present in favor. Motion Passed.

CHAIR REPORTS: No new resumes have been received for the opening on the P & Z Committee.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Robert Gruys Midwest Auto Sales, Western Auto Exchange: Review of CUP

Mr. Gruys was present. They are keeping busy, they have more employees working and more work to do. Some township residents were present and had complaints of more than 12 cars on the lot. Mr. Gruys said they do try to keep it down but they will have more when they get a new shipment in. They will try to manage it better in the future. Another concern was the noise from trucks left running in the parking lot while unloading vehicles. Mr. Gruys said they do tell the truck drivers to run the trucks as little as possible. They do try to keep the noise down and will try to control the number of cars that are on the 112th St address. They want to be notified if we receive complaints. Motion by Supervisor Klein to review CUP in one year, July 2020. Second by Supervisor Ness. Motion passed 6-0. Mr. Gruys stated that they are glad to be there; they like it here and are happy to have jobs for their employees. They will do a good job.

Tiller Corp: Barton Pit: Cup to allow temporary placement of a ready mix concrete plant and hot mix asphalt plant.

Mike Caron was present to discuss the application for a concrete plant and hot mix asphalt plant in the Barton Pit on Appleton Ave. Township residents were present to express their concerns about the noise, additional truck traffic and odors in the air that will happen if the plant is allowed to open. Additional concerns were the pollution, toxins and chemical emissions that would be caused by the plant. They said that it seems that once a temporary conditional use permit is granted it never goes away and why do residents have to change their way of life to accommodate the plants trying to come into the area. This plant would be located in an agricultural area not on industrial area.

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Mr. Caron explained the request. They have been in this location since 1960. They are requesting a concrete and/or hot mix plant. When the I94 project starts there could be up to 300 trucks per day using the plant. Regular workday would be 7:00am to 7:00 pm and are asking permission to do maintenance work after hours. They would be working Monday – Friday, sometimes Saturday, never Sunday. No night work is planned. The state has noise and air quality standards they must meet. They use a bag system that catches particles before they go into the air, and that will meet the air ambient standards for pollutants. It records all outputs. Steam is released with minimal odor. They do not add chemicals to the mix. They hope to meet or exceed the government standards set. They have not had complaints about odors from their other plants. The trucks will go off Meridian Ave and they will tell their customers that the trucks must follow the route they are told to use. Motion by Supervisor Heikkinen to deny the CUP, second by Supervisor Ness. Motion failed 3-3. Residents’ concerns will be sent to the county. Our recommendations if the county accepts the CUP are to not have 2 plants in the area, that the trucks be covered; use LP for fuel for the plant and hours should be 7:00am to 5:00pm.

Unfinished Business: None

Misc.:

Upcoming Items: There are 2 applicants for the P & Z Committee position that will be discussed.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion by Supervisor Ness to adjourn. Second by Supervisor Heikkinen. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Silver Creek Township Clerk,
Nancy Betzler

07/02/2019 Minutes
Approved by Board of Supervisor’s
08/06/2019

