

Vermillion Township
Special Meeting Minutes
Further Review of the Interim Use
Application Documents from Pine Bend Paving
October 23, 2025

Attendance:

Chairman Jeramy Ladzun
Supervisor Jason Anderson
Clerk Cynthia Ladzun
Planner Nate Sparks

Chairman Ladzun opened the meeting at 5:30 PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Planner, Nate Sparks explained that additional documents regarding the drainage channel was requested by the Board at the public hearing. A supplement regarding the drainage channel was received and reviewed by the township's consultant and it provided three potential options. Option one rerouted the drainage channel around the northern perimeter of the site and this option appeared to be the best fit for the township. The supplement also contained additional information regarding groundwater protection and blasting on the site that was a concern during the public hearing. Furthermore, the original application documents had been sent to the Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Organization, and they had no comment, however yesterday a comment was received stating that a wetland exists on the western side of the property.

The Board was provided documents supporting the comprehensive plan amendment, rezoning amendment, interim use approval, and mining permit. Matthew Duffy, Attorney for Pine Bend Paving, provided documents to the Board that included redlined changes to the interim use approval and mining permit. These changes will need to be reviewed by the township's attorney prior to any approval. In addition, the approval documents state that the condition of approval is contingent upon the applicant taking the proper steps to satisfy additional multiple outside agency permitting requirements.

Concerns that were brought up by residents at this meeting included:

- Blasting
- Seismograph Monitoring
- Structural Damage
- Property Values
- Groundwater Protection
- Reclamation Plan
- Stormwater Prevention Plan

Matthew Duffy explained that reclamation of mines is a requirement by the State of Minnesota. Reclamation plans will need to be addressed with the state to determine what the end use of the

mine will be. He also explained that the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency issues stormwater permits and an application cannot be reviewed until the mine has been approved by the township. Blasting will be completed by an outside vendor, and these vendors must abide by the requirements of other agencies. Records relating to all blasting events will be made available to the township upon request. Pre-blast surveys will also be offered by an independent contractor at no cost to owners of structures and outbuildings within a quarter of a mile. The pre-blast survey is intended to establish a starting point on interior and exterior conditions should any damage be claimed. Property owners within one-half mile will be invited to join a list to be notified by text on the day of a blast.

It's evident that Pine Bend Paving wants to move forward with this expansion as a business owner for the benefit of their employees and families but concerns on the advantage for the township was also brought up. It was noted that many employees of Pine Bend Paving are also township residents and the expansion would keep them employed. It was also noted that the township currently receives a gravel tax of approximately \$7k a year that is used to offset road and bridge expenses in addition to the property taxes that are paid on the mine property as well as the office location.

In closing, Pine Bend Paving will be scheduling an open house for residents to attend and get their questions answered directly from a blast expert and engineer. The clerk will notify representatives from Dakota County Soil & Water along with Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Organization of the open house once a date and the time has been set.

Adjourn

Anderson motioned to adjourn at 7:00 pm. Ladzun seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

Cynthia Ladzun
Vermillion Township Clerk