

Vermillion Township
Special Meeting Minutes
Pine Bend Paving EAW Decision & Vote on Application
November 24, 2025

Attendance:

Chairman Jeramy Ladzun
Supervisor Jason Anderson
Clerk Cynthia Ladzun
Attorney James J. Mongé III
Planner Nate Sparks

Chairman Ladzun opened the meeting at 6:30 PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Planner, Nate Sparks recapped that a public hearing was held, and during that hearing the Board requested additional documents as well as the request that Pine Bend Paving hold an open house to further answer resident questions. A petition was then received requesting that the township decide if an Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) be prepared.

Response to Petition from Pine Bend Paving and Jacoby Aggregates

Kirsten Pauly, Registered Civil Engineer and Geologist at Sunde Engineering stated that a petition for an EAW happens on projects quite often and a town board denying that request also happens somewhat frequently. The purpose of an EAW is to look at the potential for environmental effects, and these have been addressed in the permit application.

Response to Petition (Memorandum) from Vermilion Township

Planner, Nate Sparks stated that the township's staff reviewed the EAW petition and does not recommend that an EAW be completed. The responses to the concerns that were outlined in the petition request are provided in the Response to Petition Memorandum.

Resolution No. 25-12 was presented to the Board that is a denying the need for an Environmental Assessment Worksheet. Ladzun motioned to adopt to the resolution as presented. Anderson seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

Planner, Nate Sparks noted that Vermillion Township is a rural area and by Metropolitan Council rules that must be enacted in your comprehensive plan and by state statues the township must make accommodations for the taking of aggregate resources in rural areas. This was done by creating a mining overlay district.

Resolution No. 25-13 was presented to the Board approving a comprehensive plan amendment to include 18190 Fischer Avenue in the Mining Overlay District. Ladzun motioned to adopt to the resolution as presented. Anderson seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

Ordinance 25-005 was presented to the Board amending the town zoning map to rezone the property at 18190 Fischer Avenue into the Mining Overlay District. Ladzun motioned to adopt to the ordinance as presented. Anderson seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

Planner, Nate Sparks stated that the conditions of approval are spelled out on the interim use permit resolution, which includes the added condition that states the applicant shall supply final documents that incorporate all conditions of approval for incorporation into the final interim use permit. Kirsten Pauly also gave a detailed outline of the blasting that will be done. The condition to have a field delineation done of a potential wetland on the property in 2026 will need to be added into the resolution.

Resolution No. 25-14 was presented to the Board that approves an interim use permit for a mining operation at 18190 Fischer Avenue. Ladzun motioned to adopt to the resolution as presented. Anderson seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

Interim Use Permit Terms and Conditions - Planner, Nate Sparks explained that this document is like a contract and is a restatement of the resolution approving the interim use permit.

Mining Permit Conditions and Restrictions was presented to the Board. Ladzun approved the Mining Permit Conditions and Restrictions as presented. Anderson seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

Adjourn

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

Cynthia Ladzun
Vermillion Township Clerk