

Vermillion Township
Hmong American Farmers Association (HAFA)
Public Hearing Minutes
November 19, 2025

Attendance:

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

Chairman Ladzun opened the public hearing at 6:00 pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Clerk Cynthia Ladzun read the public notice.

Planner, Nate Sparks explained that a conditional use permit was granted in 2019 to conduct agricultural service establishment operations at the subject property therefore an amendment to the current conditional use permit would be needed. The proposed building would be 10,540 SF in size and would contain four large cooler rooms as well as space for produce washing, produce processing, storage, training and restrooms.

Janssen Hang, Executive Director and Co-founder of HAFA further explained that the operation will continue to operate in the same capacity. The only thing that has changed since 2019 is that the original 15 farming families have now increased to 18 farming families. On average across the entire HAFA Farm, there could be 15 farming families on site. A farming family could consist of the farmer plus 4 children or grandchildren.

Items of discussion during the public hearing were:

- Field operations will continue to provide port-a-pottys that are located within a 500-yard distance from each of the farming families.
- There are about 9 staff operating out of the farmhouse for about nine months out of the year.
- Farming families have no need to be onsite over the winter.
- Traffic onsite will operate at the same capacity as it has been with less traffic over the winter months.
- The new building would allow fresh produce to be processed, stored and sold into the winter months rather than be tilled under when the growing season is done.
- Access will remain off Highway 52 which is the primary and only access to the farm.
- Parking area - no plan at this time as the farmers will park in the field not at the building site.
- The structures in the field are high tunnels not greenhouses.
- Three deteriorated buildings on the site.
- The site is in Hastings, not Hampton as originally stated in the public notice.

The Board requested HAFA to provide the following additional documents:

- Site plan that includes where all current buildings are located on the entire site.
- Document the condition of the three buildings that were previously going to be demolished.
- Number of farmers, including family members, that may be onsite on any given day.
- Number of visitors to the site on any given day.
- Roadway access - Communication with MnDot, if any.
- Parking spots at the new building.
- The three parcel identification numbers.

Adjourn:

Ladzun motioned to table the public hearing at 6:45 pm. Anderson seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

Cynthia Ladzun
Vermillion Township Clerk