

MINUTES
Blue Earth County Planning Commission
Regular Meeting
Wednesday May 5, 2010
7:30 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by Lyle Femrite. Planning Commission members present were Bill Anderson, Kurt Anderson, Kip Bruender, Lyle Femrite, Don Gerrish, Chuck Grams, and Marjorie Johnson. Planning and Zoning staff present were Sara Isebrand and George Leary.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Bill Anderson made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 7, 2010 Regular Planning Commission Meeting. Don Gerrish seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

3. AGENDA APPROVAL

Mr. Leary indicated there was no change to the agenda.

4. NEW BUSINESS

PC 03-10 Tom and Nancy Walters – Conditional Use Permit to operate an auto and farm equipment repair business in the Agricultural Zoned District in the NW ¼ of the SW ¼ of Section 29, Beauford Township.

Mr. Leary presented the staff report.

The applicant was present and had nothing to add.

There was no public comment.

There was some discussion of screening of the business activities from the public view as a condition that was already stated in the staff report. Mr. Walters already has trees/shrubs to the south of the property and along the road side on the west side.

Kip Bruender made a motion to recommend approval of the request to the County Board. The motion was seconded by Marjorie Johnson and unanimously approved.

PC 05-10 Brian Irvine – Request for an extension of an existing conditional use permit to continue gravel mining operations at a pre-existing gravel mining site and to allow for temporary hot mix and/or concrete batching operations and the storage, crushing, and recycling of concrete and/or bituminous products in the NW ¼, section 16, Sterling Township, an Agricultural zoned district.

Ms. Isebrand presented the staff report.

The applicant was present and had nothing to add.

There was no public comment.

There was little discussion by the Planning Commission.

Kurt Anderson made a motion to recommend approval of the request to the County Board. The motion was seconded by Chuck Grams and unanimously approved.

PC 06-10 Robert Lorentz - Conditional Use Permit for the placement of more than fifty cubic yards of fill for the purpose of constructing a building in the Agricultural Zoned District in the NW ¼ of the SW ¼ of Section 31, South Bend Township.

Mr. Leary presented the staff report.

The applicant was present and had nothing to add.

There was no public comment.

There was little discussion by the Planning Commission.

Kurt Anderson made a motion to recommend approval of the request to the County Board. The motion was seconded by Bill Anderson and unanimously approved.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Grams commented on the screening of business activities on the Walters site (PC03-10) discussed earlier in the meeting. Mr. Grams indicated his belief that trees and or shrubs provide sufficient screening of equipment.

There was no further discussion of the matter.

7. AJOURNMENT

There being no additional business, Kurt Anderson made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Bill Anderson and unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Planning Commission Chair

Date

Planning Commission Secretary

Date