

MORRISON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

January 25, 2021 – 7:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The Morrison County Planning Commission held a public hearing and regular monthly meeting via Microsoft Teams.

Regular Members Present: George Sandy, Frances Brisk, Clint Kathrein, Brent Lindgren and Earl Fuechtmann

Regular Members Absent: None

Alternate Members Present:

Commissioners Present: Mike Wilson, Jeff Jelinski, Randy Winscher and Greg Blaine

Commissioners Absent: Mike LeMieur

Ex-Officio Members Present: Amy Kowalzek, Robert Wall, Sharon Peterson and Alan Ringwelski (SWCD)

Vice-Chairman Clint Katherine called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m.

1. Election of Officers.

George Sandy made a motion to nominate Clint Katherine as Chairperson. Brent Lindgren seconded the motion. Clint Katherine accepted. The vote was all in favor.

Clint Katherine made a motion to nominate George Sandy as Vice-Chairperson. Brent Lindgren seconded the motion. George Sandy accepted. The vote was all in favor.

2. **Donald & Debra Hayes – 36305 203rd St; Hillman, MN 56338 – Application for a Conditional Use Permit to establish a Tier III hog feedlot; located in NE ¼ of NW ¼ and N ½ of NE ¼, Section 8, Township 41, Range 28, Leigh Township.**

Amy Kowalzek entered into record Section 604.6 of the Morrison County Land Use Control Ordinance, a plat map with parcel location, the Conditional Use Permit Request, Conditional Use Criteria Questions, site plan, four (4) aerial photos, staff report, Environmental Review comments and recommendations and suggested conditions if approved. There were 24 notices sent to neighboring property owners. There was one comment received prior to the hearing. Amy entered the Conditional Use Criteria Questions.

Donald & Debra Hayes were present.

Alan Ringwelski – SWCD – stated he has no issues with this facility. The site is good.

Debra Hayes stated this is a way for them to generate more income. The kids could possibly take over the farm someday. Donald Hayes stated that the manure also helps.

George Sandy asked how the manure will be hauled. Donald Hayes stated it will be hauled through a tanker. George stated that when this happens the Township should be contacted.

Frances Brisk stated that the phosphorous levels are close to the maximum amount of acreage. Donald Hayes stated that there are more people willing to sign up their acreage for the manure.

Clint Katherine asked if the existing pit would be eliminated. Donald Hayes stated there is a plan to close the pit. Amy Kowalzek stated it is preferred that the pit is closed. Soil and Water Conservation District talked with Donald Hayes about ways to help with closing this pit. Debra Hayes stated that last spring they tried to get help with funds to close the pit but did not make it in time to get any of the money. Donald stated that the pit will be properly engineered for proper closer. Alan Ringwelski stated it may take years for more pit money to come in.

Audience Comment:

Scott Luberts – stated he is a neighbor and has concerns of smell. Will there be an air filtration system?

Melody Hayes – stated that on the application seems like some of the people to take the manure are already getting manure.

Randy Winscher – asked to explain what the good neighbor plan is.

Clint Katherine stated an offset is ran. The property needs to be at 91% to comply. This site is at 95%. Amy Kowalzek stated 95% of the time there should not be bothersome smells. Agitating the pit will cause smell. The applicants have stated they would be doing things to help with the smell. Donald Hayes stated there will be smell around the buildings. We will haul as fast as possible at around one to two days. We did have some people signed up for manure that were already signed up. We removed and replaced those people. Amy Kowalzek stated our office was made aware of this and discussed with the applicant to replace those people. More acres can be requested if needed. Neighbors one quarter of a mile within the area to spread manure will be notified at these times. Also needed is a method of animal disposal.

Possible conditions were discussed.

The voting sheets were polled.

A motion was made by George Sandy to recommend approval of this request with conditions. The motion was seconded by Earl Fuechtmann. The vote was all in favor.

The application will go in front of the Morrison County Board of Commissioners on February 2, 2021.

The public hearing was closed at 8:07 p.m.

A motion was made by Brent Lindgren to approve the December 28, 2020 minutes. The motion was seconded by Frances Brisk. The vote was all in favor.

Correspondence – None

Old Business – Applications for the new board are being excepted.

New Business – Clint Katherine asked if it is required to ask each member of the board for their opinion. Amy Kowalzek stated it is to if there is enough information answering the questions.

A motion was made by Brent Lindgren to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by George Sandy. The vote was all in favor.

With no further business at hand, the meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Kowalzek, Secretary
Morrison County Planning Commission