

# MORRISON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

April 13, 2021 – 6:00 P.M.

## MINUTES

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

Regular Members Present: Clint Kathrein, Brent Lindgren, Dave Stish, Marvin Trettel and Dave Brutscher

Regular Members Absent: None

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

Commissioners Absent: None

Ex-Officio Members Present: Amy Kowalzek and Sharon Peterson

Amy Kowalzek called the meeting to order at 6:00p.m.

### 1. Election of Officers

Brent Lindgren made a motion for Clint Katherine to be Chair. The vote was seconded by Marvin Trettel. The vote was all in favor.

Dave Brutscher made a motion for Dave Stish to be Vice-Chair. A motion was made by Marvin Trettel for Brent Lindgren to be Vice-Chair. Brent Lindgren seconded the motion for Dave Stish to be Vice-Chair. The motion was all in favor.

Dave Stish made a motion for Marvin Trettel to be Secretary. The vote was all in favor.

Chair – Clint Katherine

Vice-Chair – Dave Stish

Secretary – Marvin Trettel

### 1. Five Starr Ranch LLC / Cellco Partnership – No property address – Application for a Conditional Use Permit to construct a 190-foot telecommunications tower; located in NW ¼ of SW ¼, Section 10, Township 39, Range 28, Lakin Township.

Rick Adams was present (Cellco Partnership / Verizon)

Amy Kowalzek entered into record Sections 604.6 and 1222 of the Morrison County Land Use Control Ordinance, a plat map with parcel location, the Conditional Use Permit Request, Conditional Use Criteria Questions, Agent Authorization letter, letter from KGI Wireless regarding the site, ordinance requirements with proposals, two (2) aerial site plans, photo study of 199' self-support lattice tower, simulations from site, Letter from Sabre Industries (towers and poles), and tower information packet, four (4) aerial photos of proposed site, staff report, aerial photo showing tower location and aerial photo showing surrounding land. There were 12 notices sent to neighboring property owners. There were no comments were received prior to the hearing. Amy entered the Conditional Use Criteria Questions.

Rick Adams stated this area has very little service. This tower will give good coverage. Tests were ran to check calls in this area to fine where coverage is needed. It will also help with emergency services. If the permit is issued it will be a couple of months before the tower is up and running. When calls get missed it is because of the over usage o the existing towers in the area and they cannot keep up.

Dave Stish asked if the Township had anything to add. Amy Kowalzek stated that the Township was informed of the DRT and tonight's meeting. We have not received any information from them.

Dave Stish asked what the driveway condition is that leads to the tower. Rick Adams stated that there is class five laid down and there is a parking area and a turn around. There is not much impervious surface around this site. Dave asked about the drainage and if there is any erosion. Rick stated that the area is good, but in the back of the property it drops off. Not sure about the pit area.

Clint Katherine asked how far off the road is the tower. Rick Adams stated it is about 81 feet to the center of the tower. The fall zone is about 50 feet. Clint asked if SWCD or the DNR had any input. Amy Kowalzek stated that both agencies were notified of the DRT and tonight's meeting and have added no comment.

Audience Comment:

Zoe Berg – stated she is here representing Julie Matvick. They are opposed to the request. This request sounds like it is mitigating the services for one annual event in the area. Could there be a temporary permit for this request instead? Helicopters fly in area and the frequencies may interfere with other things as well. Was there future site proposed?

Mary Bauer – Will the tower be a 4G or 5G tower. How will this tower work with the other neighboring towers? I believe that some of the ordinance requirements were not met with this application. With the active quarry on the property where will all the vibrations go. This is an area with wind and ice, and it is in a tornado alley. The structure portion of the tower looks weak. This tower will only be able to serve seven houses in the area. This tower is intrusive and not justified. There is only a 25% safety factor and it should be 100%.

Julie Matvick – stated she is opposed to this request. This is not a sufficient placement of a tower. This is only to help and event that only happens once per year. They should have alternative placements. They approached us to put the tower on our property. Wayne Matvick – stated they have cell phones and they work just fine in this area.

Rick Adams stated he does have soil reports. We do not need to prove there is a need for a tower. The tower should be both 4G and 5G.

Dave Stish asked what the power usage is compared to a home. Rick Adams stated it would be less than a house.

Marvin Trettel asked how close to the pit will the tower be and how deep is the pit. Amy Kowalzek stated the pit is unpermitted. Rick Adams stated it is just a gravel pit and believes the County takes gravel out of it. The mining is about 600 feet away and there is no blasting only rock crushing. Our engineers take all of this information into consideration when planning the tower.

The voting sheets were polled.

A motion was made by Dave Stish to recommend approval of this request. The motion was seconded by Brent Lindgren. The vote was all in favor.

The application will go in front of the Morrison County Board of Commissioners on April 20, 2021.

**2. Peter & Diane Hanebuth – 15198 Davenport Rd; Little Falls, MN 56345 – After-the-Fact application for an Interim Use Permit to establish a meat processing facility; located in pt of E ½ of SE ¼, Section 18, Township 129, Range 30, Pike Creek Township.**

Amy Kowalzek entered into record Section 604.8 of the Morrison County Land Use Control Ordinance, a plat map with parcel location, the After the Fact Interim Use Permit Request, After the Fact Interim Use Criteria Questions, site plan, two (2) aerial photo site plans, five (5) aerial photos, staff report, permit for shed addition with site plan, information from the Department of Agriculture, aerial photo of the surrounding area and suggested conditions if approved. There were 16 notices sent to neighboring property owners. There was one phone call with no objection that was received prior to the hearing. Amy entered the Interim Use

## Criteria Questions.

Clint Katherine asked if the DNR, SWCD or the Township had any comments. Amy Kowalzek stated they were all notified of the request and did not make any comments.

Peter Hanebuth stated he has cut meat for years and went to schooling for it. When we built the shop, we only used it for ourselves. Two years ago, we started processing deer from the public. That is when I found out I needed a license. This would be operated by myself and my son, he may take it over one day.

Peter Hanebuth stated that the State came out and told me what I needed to do to get the license. We would like to have everything ok'd by June 1<sup>st</sup>.

Brent Lindgren asked how many people would be employed here and what kind of traffic would there be. Peter Hanebuth stated they would process around 15 to 18 deer per day in the cooler. This is a small family business. The income would be around \$20,000 per year on the high end.

Dave Stish asked if the septic for the shop is different from the septic for the home. Peter Hanebuth stated it is. Dave asked about any other processing besides deer. Peter stated there may be an occasional pig. This would not be for sale. Nothing from any kill will go outside.

Dave Stish asked about contamination. Peter Hanebuth stated there is the cooler in the other part of the shed. We would butcher first then sanitize everything before moving on to something else. Dave asked if the MDA requirements are being met. Peter stated they are.

Dave Stish stated that he believes putting spoils in plastic bags is not a leak proof method of disposal. It states in the ordinance that it is required to use leak proof containers. Peter Hanebuth stated he will be using barrels in the cooler temperatures and hauling out daily in the warmer temperatures. Dave stated he would like to the leak proof containers and record keeping as conditions. Marvin Trettel asked if the property owner was ok with the extra conditions. Peter stated he was.

### Audience Comment:

Dee Shaffer – asked if there will be regular inspections of the business. Will there be a change in zoning?

Amy Kowalzek stated the zoning will not change. The conditions are added for compliance. This business will be overseen by the State. A portion of the property may be valued differently from the home.

The voting sheets were polled.

A motion was made by Brent Lindgren to recommend approval of this request including the conditions. The motion was seconded by Marvin Trettel. The vote was all in favor.

The application will go in front of the Morrison County Board of Commissioners on April 20, 2021.

The public hearing was closed at 8:24 p.m.

A motion was made by Dave Stish to approve the March 22, 2021 minutes. The motion was seconded by Brent Lindgren. The vote was all in favor.

Correspondence – None

Old Business –

New Business – Amy Kowalzek stated there will be a light agenda on April 26 so we will go over the by-laws then.

A motion was made by Marvin Trettel to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Dave Stish. The vote was all in favor.

With no further business at hand, the meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Kowalzek, Secretary  
Morrison County Planning Commission