

MORRISON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

May 25, 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: Greg Blaine, Jeff Jelinski, Randy Winscher and Mike Wilson

Commissioners Absent: Mike LeMieur

Ex-Officio Members Present: Amy Kowalzek, Robert Wall and Sharon Peterson

Chairman Clint Kathrein called the meeting to order at 6:00p.m.

1. Daniel Sobiech – 11498 60th Ave; Swanville, MN 56382 – Application for a Conditional Use Permit to establish a Tier III hog feedlot; located in SE ¼ of NW ¼, NE ¼ of SW ¼ and W ½ of SW ¼, Section 1, Township 128, Range 31, Swanville Township.

Daniel Sobiech was present

Amy Kowalzek entered into record Section 508 of the Morrison County Land Use Control Ordinance, a plat map with parcel location, the Rezone Permit Request, site plan, aerial photo of the property, staff report, aerial photo showing current zoning of the parcel, aerial photo showing the proposed lot split and an aerial photo showing the neighboring small parcels, There were 21 notices sent to neighboring property owners. There were no comments were received prior to the hearing. Amy entered the Zoning Amendment Discussion Questions.

Daniel Sobiech stated that he wants to get away from using commercial fertilizer. Also wants to retire in about 10 years and be self-sufficient from the barn.

Brent Lindgren asked if any other agencies have commented on this application. Dave Stish asked if the County Engineer had any comment. Amy Kowalzek stated the Engineer and the Township were both notified of the DRT meeting and the public hearing and no comment was received from either.

Dave Stish stated the approach looks good. Will there be a road built to get to the buildings? Daniel Sobiech stated he will be using the existing approach just build it up a bit. No new approach will be made.

Dave Stish stated that in the packet it states you will be adding a water catch basin. Daniel Sobiech stated he will be installing this. Dave asked if it would be ok to add this as a condition? Also, to add a 50' grass buffer around the barn. Daniel stated he will be using class five around the building then grasses.

Dave Brutscher asked how many gallons of manure will be generated per year and what is the capacity of the pit. Daniel Sobiech stated the pit will hold about 1 million gallons. We predict to generate about 700,000 gallons of manure per year. Dave asked if the manure will be moved by tank or drag hose? Daniel stated by tank. Dave recommended using a drag hose. Amy Kowalzek stated the actual manure numbers are in the manure management plan.

Marvin Trettel asked what will be done to help with the smell. Daniel Sobiech stated they will be adding additives to the manure.

Clint Kathrein asked about the water appropriation permit. Amy Kowalzek stated that the Tier III or Tier IV

will need this permit if using 1 million gallons of water per year. Clint asked if there was any other live stock on the property. Daniel Sobiech stated there is not. Clint asked how far the closest neighbor is. Amy Kowalzek stated about 1,671 feet away from where the barn will be placed. Daniel stated to the north.

Robert Wall stated now the parcel is only crop farming. The owner is aware of the water appropriation permit and has worked on farms before.

Audience Comment:

Gary Backowski – asked what company the property is working with. We do have plans to build across the road.

Marvin Trettel asked if we would be using the suggested conditions?

Daniel Sobiech stated that the supplier is Wakefield Pork.

Amy Kowalzek stated that any new dwellings would need to meet a setback of 1,320 feet from the closest point of the barn.

The voting sheets were polled.

Possible conditions were discussed.

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

The application will go in front of the Morrison County Board of Commissioners on June 8, 2021.

The public hearing was closed at 6:50 p.m.

A motion was made by Dave Stish to approve the May 11, 2021 minutes. The motion was seconded by Brent Lindgren. The vote was all in favor.

Correspondence – None

Old Business – None

New Business – A motion was made by Clint Kathrein to allow Land Services staff to complete the secretarial duties for both Planning Commission and Board of Adjustment. The motion was seconded by Dave Stish. The vote was all in favor.

A motion was made by Brent Lindgren 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 6:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Kowalzek, Secretary
Morrison County Planning Commission