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AGENDA

REDWOOD COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Monday, June 27th, 2016 – 1:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order
2. Public Hearing on feedlot expansion – Mike Paskewitz site
3. Public Hearing on the *Application for Extraction Conditional Use Permit* filed by Schmidt Construction o/b/o of landowner Anthony Kramer
4. Other Business:
 - a. Review and approve Minutes from meeting held on April 11th, 2016
 - b. Review and approve Minutes from meeting held on June 20th, 2016
 - c. Any other business



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TO: Redwood County Planning Commission

FROM: Nick Brozek *NB*
Land Use and Zoning Supervisor
Redwood County Environmental Office

DATE: June 22nd, 2016

RE: Planning Commission Hearing on June 27th, 2016

A meeting of the Redwood County Planning Commission has been scheduled for Monday, the 27th day of June, 2016, beginning at 1:00 o'clock p.m. at the Board Room of the Redwood County Government Center located at 403 South Mill Street, Redwood Falls, MN 56283.

The meeting will include two (2) public hearings. A brief summary of the subject matter of the agenda items are set forth below.

1. Mike Paskewitz – Conditional Use Permit #16-04: Feedlot Expansion

Mike Paskewitz is the current permit holder and owner of a cattle feedlot located in Section 1 of Sheridan Township, on the south side of State Highway 19 west of Redwood Falls. The feedlot was permitted in 2004 by Rodney Paskewitz. Mike purchased the feedlot from Rodney a few years ago.

The Conditional Use Permit issued in 2004 is for 299 animal units, but it anticipates a future expansion of an additional 200 animal units. Mike has filed a Construction Short Form Permit Application and site plan with the MPCA in order to increase the number of head from 299 to 499. Due to the language in the CUP regarding future increase of 200 AUs, combined with the language in the ordinance allowing an increase in AUs up to 200 over the CUP level, no additional CUP is required by the County in connection with the proposed expansion. However, Minnesota Statutes Section 116.07(1) requires that “a county that has not accepted delegation of the feedlot permit program must hold a public meeting prior to the [MPCA] issuing a feedlot permit for a feedlot facility with 300 or more animal units.” Therefore, Redwood County must hold a public meeting in connection with the proposed feedlot expansion before the MPCA can issue its permit.

It is notable that though there is a public meeting requirement in the statute, there is no notice requirement until the animal units exceed 500. Consequently, notice of the hearing was not published in the newspaper and was not mailed to neighbors. It was, however, made available to the public on the Redwood County website.

The 2004 CUP required maintenance of a grass filter strip around the feedlot, which was proposed to consist primarily of open lots. However, when Rodney sold the feedlot to Mike, he retained ownership of the grass filter strip ground, allowing Mike a three-year easement for its use. Those three years have lapsed and the grass filter strip is no longer available for feedlot use. Consequently, this past year, Mike constructed a partial confinement barn and closed most of the open lot areas, seeding them into pasture. He worked with the MPCA, which approved the plan.

Copies of the MPCA permit application and 2004 CUP are attached for your review.

2. Public hearing on an *Application for Extraction Conditional Use Permit* submitted by Jeff Schmidt o/b/o Anthony Kramer.

Schmidt is seeking to repermit Kramer's existing gravel site in Section 9 of Granite Rock Twp. The site has an existing Conditional Use Permit (#131) which was approved by the County Board of Commissioners and issued on July 30, 1996. According to its terms, CUP #131 expired on June 11, 2016. Kramer (via Schmidt) intends to continue using the site and so was notified that a new permit is needed.

Approximately 10 acres of the site will be mined and/or used for mining processes and stockpiling. Schmidt proposes to strip off and stockpile the topsoil and to mine and process gravel and granular materials as needed for local projects. This will include crushing, stockpiling, and hauling. Schmidt is requesting a 10 year permit beginning on June 1, 2016 and ending on June 1, 2026.

Kramer and Jared Maas, who has operated out of the site in the past, are in the process of reclaiming the east end of the existing pit.

The site will be set back 650 feet from the center line of 295th Street, 1500 feet from the east property line, and 1100 feet from the west property line. The south (rear) property line setback will be zero. Kramer owns the parcel to the south too, so there will be no trouble with the neighbor in connection with the lack of a setback.

The pit will be located about 350' north of the bank of Judicial Ditch 31. There is no County tile near the pit site.

The site is located in the Agriculture District. Mining is a Conditional Use in said District.

Noise will only occur during crushing times. The site will not create any smoke or odor. Dust will be controlled with water.

The site will be reclaimed to farm use and/or grass land. A pond or wetland may be created in the lowest areas. The edges of the pit will be sloped to no greater than a 3:1 slope.

The pit is located on an uninhabited building site owned by Mr. Kramer. The four closest residential dwellings to the site are as follows: Allan & Lois Raduenz, 26938 Eagle Avenue, about 2479' west of the site; Melanie Steffen, 26409 CSAH 10, about 2674' southeast of the site; a property owned by Delphy Trust II about 3227' south of the site; and Dennis & Jane Plaetz, 26238 Eagle Avenue, about 3711' southwest of the site.

The soils present on the site are as follows:

1. Estherville sandy loam
2. Mayer loam

A copy of the Conditional Use Permit application, maps, plans, and proposed permit conditions are enclosed.