

TO: Redwood County Planning Commission

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RE: Planning Commission Hearing on September 28, 2021



A meeting of the Redwood County Planning Commission has been scheduled for Tuesday, the 28th day of September, 2021, beginning at 1:00 o'clock p.m. in the Board Room of the Redwood County Government Center, 403 South Mill Street, Redwood Falls, MN 56283.

The meeting will involve one (1) public hearing. A brief summary of the subject matter of the hearing is set forth below.

Public hearing on Application for Extraction interim Use Permit submitted by Jason VerSteeg of Duinink Inc. o/b/o Lowell E Gryting Trust No. 1, landowner.

Duinink Inc. is proposing to re-permit an existing gravel pit operation, for an additional 10-year period. The gravel pit is located in the E1/2 SE1/4 SW1/4 & W1/2 SW1/4 SE1/4 of Section 17, Swedes Forest Township, on property owned by Lowell E Gryting Trust No. 1. Its north of 430th Street, between County Hwy 7 and Grandview Avenue, about four miles north of Belview.

The site is located in the Agricultural District, in which mining is a Conditional Use.

The site was originally permitted in 2002, with 26 acres being permitted for extraction at that time. The site was later re-permitted, in 2011, at 16.4 acres. The date of completion of the 2011 permit was listed as 7/1/2021. Consequently, Duinink Inc. is seeking a new permit to extract 16.4 acres.

Mining activity on the site will include extraction, processing, and stockpiling of gravel material. No buildings will be located on site. Overburden will be stripped off the site and stockpiled on the edge of the pit, to provide a screen from public view. A screening unit and crusher will be used to process the gravel material. Mining will start in the north and move south as needed. The crusher will generally be on site 2-8 weeks per year.

During the permit term, noise will be controlled by the earthen berm created out of the overburden, as well as by using quality mufflers and keeping equipment in good working order. Dust will be controlled with a water truck as needed.

Erosion on the site will be controlled by directing all runoff from the mining operation back into the pit. Care will be taken not to disturb more land than necessary.

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At the end of the permit term, the extraction area will be reclaimed by flattening all slopes greater than 3:1 and placing the reserved overburden (topsoil) back on the slopes. Natural perennial vegetation including grasses and legumes will be planted. Reclamation will restore natural habitat in the disturbed area, so that it is suitable for wildlife development, including ponds and uplands.



The proposed hours of operation are 6:00 am through 8:00 pm.

The proposed setback from the center of 430th Street is 63 feet.

The estimated cost of reclamation is \$20,000.

The closest third-party dwellings to the site are as follows: (1) 42529 CSAH 7, about 2300 feet south of the site; (2) 43198 CSAH 7, about 2900 feet west of the site; and (3) 43344 CSAH 7, about 3000 feet northwest of the site. Additionally, a former farm site now used as a hunting property is located about 1700 feet south of the site, and a building site owned by the Lowell E Gryting Trust No. 1 is located 900 feet east of the site.

Three other gravel pits are located within a mile of the site. Compared to the proposed gravel pit, a larger pit is located $\frac{1}{4}$ of a mile north of the site, a similar-sized pit is located $\frac{1}{2}$ mile east of the site, and a smaller pit is located $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile southeast of the site.

No county tile or open ditch is located on or near the project property.

Soils present on the site include: (1) Grogan loam, 2 to 6 percent slopes; (2) Rock outcrop-Copaston complex, 2 to 40 percent slopes; and (3) Oshawa variant stony clay loam.

The site is about 450 feet south of an un-named protected wetland. It's also about 3900 feet west of the Minnesota River.

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