

MORRISON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

April 4, 2023 – 6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The Morrison County Planning Commission held a public hearing and regular monthly meeting in the Morrison County Government Center Board Room.

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

Regular Members Absent: John Kunelius

Commissioners Present: Jeff Jelinski and Mike LeMieur

Commissioners Absent: Randy Winscher, Greg Blaine and Bobby Kasper

Ex-Officio Members Present: Amy Kowalzek

Ex-Officio Members Absent: Robert Wall, Sharon Peterson and Shannon Wettstein (SWCD)

Other members: Matt LeBlanc

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairperson Clint Kathrein read the opening statement.

1. Randy & Nancy Winscher – 5818 180th Ave; Royalton, MN 56373 – Application for an Interim Use Permit to create a scary outdoor recreation area; located in pt of the SW ¼ of NW ¼, Section 25, Township 39, Range 32, Bellevue Township.

Randy & Nancy Winscher, Tyler Oestreich, Layla Best and Kirsten Winscher were present.

Amy Kowalzek entered into record Section 604.7 of the Morrison County Land Use Control Ordinance, a plat map with parcel location, Interim Use Permit Application, Interim Use Criteria Questions, site plan, three (3) aerial photos, staff report, aerial photo showing the location of the parcel from the city limits and the highway. Aerial photo showing the closest residence and aerial photo showing the one-mile distance to the pumpkin patch. There were 33 notices sent to neighboring property owners. No comment was received prior to the hearing. Amy entered the Interim Use Criteria Questions into record.

Nancy Winscher stated the only four-day week the business would be open would be MEA week. All of the other weeks would be open for just two days on the weekends. Would also like to open at 6:30 pm instead of 7:00 pm for the younger children.

Marvin Trettel asked how many vehicles the parking area could hold. Nancy Winscher stated 400 to 450 cars, it is about three acres.

Dave Stish asked if the time frame would be 6:30 pm to 11:00 pm. Nancy Winscher stated they are unsure fully, until we see how things go. Randy Winscher stated he would prefer if the ticket sales could end at 11:00 pm.

Clint Kathrein asked what would the end date be. Nancy Winscher stated when a family member no longer owns the property. Clint asked if 6:30 pm would be early enough for the young children. It may start to get

late. Kirsten Winscher stated it would not matter if it would be dark enough. Amy Kowalzek stated the end time is probably more important than the start time.

Marvin Trettel stated he had someone ask about the time frame this would be operating.

Clint Kathrein asked where the second approach would be. Randy Winscher gave the board a corrected map of the property with that 2nd drive coming off 180th.

Nancy Winscher stated there will be a sign directing the traffic to the property. Dave Stish stated he would like a condition that there be no parking on the public road. Also, to remove any waste in a safe manner.

Audience Comment: None

The voting sheets were polled.

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 April 11, 2023.

2. Rick Creek Family Farms – 16543 Game Farm Rd; Little Falls, MN 56345 – Application for an Interim Use Permit to place a shelter over the existing concrete; located in pt of SE ¼ of SW ¼ and N ½ of SW ¼, Section 27, Township 41, Range 31, Belle Prairie Township.

Joseph LeBlanc and Greg LeBlanc were present.

Amy Kowalzek entered into record Section 604.8 of the Morrison County Land Use Control Ordinance, a plat map with parcel location, Interim Use Permit Application, Interim Use Criteria Questions, site plan, aerial photo showing location of the structure, three (3) aerial photos and staff report. There were 19 notices sent to neighboring property owners. No comment was received prior to the hearing. Amy entered the Interim Use Criteria Questions into record.

Brent Lindgren asked if the structure would be open or have sidewalls. Joseph Leblanc stated it will be open.

Dave Stish stated the area is vegetated. Will this be the only way of controlling the stormwater? Joseph Leblanc stated the runoff has not been an issue in the past. Dave asked if anything has changed about the property over the years. Joseph stated it has not.

Clint Kathrein stated he would like to keep all of the old conditions.

Audience Comment: None

The voting sheets were polled.

A motion was made by Dave Stish to recommend approval of this request including conditions. 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 11, 2023.

3. Camp Shamineau-Evang Free Church – 2345 Ridge Rd; Motley, MN 56466 – Application to amend the existing Conditional Use Permit by adding a cabin; located in pt of Gov Lots 1 & 2, Section 8, Township 132, Range 31, Scandia Valley Township.

Kyle Strickland was present.

Amy Kowalzek entered into record Sections 803 & 804.5 of the Morrison County Land Use Control Ordinance, a plat map with parcel location, Conditional Use Permit Application, Conditional Use Criteria Questions, two (2) site plans, rendering of structure, survey with structure location, two (2) aerial photos, staff report and aerial photo showing all of the parcels and suggested conditions if approved. There were 54 notices sent to neighboring property owners. No comment was received prior to the hearing. Amy entered the Conditional Use Criteria Questions into record.

Dave Stish asked if the new cabin is included in the stormwater plan. Kyle Stickland stated it is.

Marvin Trettel stated this is a very nice facility.

Clint Kathrein asked where the cabin will be going. Kyle Stickland showed the board where the cabin will be going on the map.

Brent Lindgren asked what is the time frame for the cabin. Kyle Stickland stated sometime this fall.

Audience Comment: None

The voting sheets were polled.

A motion was made by Brent Lindgren 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 April 11, 2023.

4. Brad & Crystal Hartung – 2908 Dove Rd; Bowlus, MN 56314 – Application for an Interim Use Permit to allow for an agricultural equipment repair shop; located in W ½ of NW ¼ of NW ¼, Section 20, Township 127, Range 30, Elmdale Township.

Brad & Crystal Hartung were present.

Amy Kowalzek entered into record Section 604.7 of the Morrison County Land Use Control Ordinance, a plat map with parcel location, Interim Use Permit Application, Interim Use Criteria Questions, business plan for waste management, three (3) aerial photos, staff report, two (2) aerial photos showing neighboring homes and suggested conditions if approved. There were 25 notices sent to neighboring property owners. Two comments were received prior to the hearing. Amy entered the Interim Use Criteria Questions into record.

Clint Kathrein asked if the comments were from neighbors. Brad Hartung stated they are.

Marvin Trettel asked what is the intention of the shop. Brad Hartung stated it will be agriculture uses.

Dave Stish asked if the four conditions will work for the applicant. Brad Hartung stated they will work. Dave stated there are trees around the property for screening.

Brent Lindgren asked if there is something that can be added to the permit to eliminate the accumulation of old equipment that is no longer in use. Amy Kowalzek stated there is a condition and ordinance language in place to help control this.

Clint Kathrein stated the request needs an end date. Brad Hartung stated when the property is no longer in the family. Brad gave Amy Kowalzek a list of the family members.

Audience Comment:

Scott Rudolph – Stated he has an automotive shop as well and we need this in the area.

The voting sheets were polled.

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 April 11, 2023.

The public hearing was closed at 7:33 p.m.

A motion was made by Dave Stish to approve the February 28, 2023 minutes. The motion was seconded by Brent Lindgren. The vote was all in favor.

Correspondence – None

Old Business – None

New Business – None

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

With no further business at hand, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Clint Kathrein, Chairperson
Brent Lindgren, Vice-Chairperson
Marvin Trettel, Secretary
Amy Kowalzek, Appointed Secretary
Morrison County Planning Commission