



CITY OF COOPERSVILLE
"SPECIAL" MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION
Coopersville City Hall; 289 Danforth Street, Coopersville, Michigan

July 30, 2012

Chairman Mike Schmidt called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Commissioners present:

Brian Bacon

Ross Conran

Tim Haselhuhn

Aaron Konn

Justin Longstreth

Duane Young

Chairman Schmidt

Commissioners absent: None

Motion by Conran and seconded by Haselhuhn to approve the minutes of the regular Planning Commission meeting of July 16, 2012. Motion carried.

Chairman Schmidt opened the floor for citizen comments. There were none.

DISCUSSION/UPDATE-Continental Dairy Noise Reduction Plan

Steve Cooper, COO of C S Facilities was present and spoke on behalf of CS Facilities regarding the reduction of noise from the dryers. Mr. Cooper stated that CS Facilities recently hired a Sound Engineer to complete sound measurements/dba readings for the noise issues. Mr. Cooper stated that the noise levels from a calibrated and certified instrument showed readings in the affected neighborhood at an overall decibel reading of 43 which is well below some of the most stringent noise regulations in the United States. Mr. Cooper stated that they are currently looking at a modification of the fan that will affect the performance and noise levels being generated which, when completed will necessitate further readings to be taken to see what the overall changes will influence. The air modeling of the fan will take up to three (3) weeks and the fabrication of a silencer, if needed, will take up to twelve (12) weeks with the possibility of a total of twenty five (25) weeks to complete the entire process. Mr. Cooper informed the Commission that they have been working very diligently in addressing the noise issue.

Chairman Schmidt opened the floor for citizen comments regarding the noise reduction plan from CS Facilities.

Citizens Comments regarding noise reduction plan

Roger Whitman, Resident stated that he owns property within a 120' of CS Facilities and the noise is no worse than cars going down the road or the noise from work being performed at the bus garage at Main and 64th Avenue. Mr. Whitman requested that the Commission approve the site plan for Select Milk Producers.

Citizens Comments regarding noise reduction plan continued

James Ward, Resident reiterated Mr. Whitman's comments and also stated that anytime the City has had any issues with CS Facilities they have been very cooperative in finding a resolution and he respects that fact.

Fisher Stokes, Resident, stated that it sounds as if CS Facilities may have a workable plan and they have made a good attempt in resolving the noise issue. Mr. Stokes stated that if the noise is not abated it will get worse. Mr. Stokes inquired as to what attempts will be made for mitigating the noise after all sound studies are completed and, adding further that he felt that CS Facilities should do as much as humanly possible to reduce the noise levels and that he hopes that their game plan works in resolving the issue.

Larry Hard asked the Commission if the newly proposed business will cause further noise.

Chairman Schmidt informed all whom were present that he had received a call from Mike DeBernardo of the State of Michigan Department of Agriculture regarding CS Facilities. Chairman Schmidt stated that he told Mr. DeBernardo due to being ex parte for the Planning Commission he was not at liberty to discuss the situation with Mr. DeBernardo without the presence of a quorum of Planning Commission members.

DISCUSSION/ACTION on Select Milk Producers, Inc. site plan

Motion by Conran with second by Bacon to approve the site plan for Select Milk Producers, Inc with the following conditions:

- 1) Stamped and Dated plans are to be furnished to the City
- 2) City Engineers will review and approve the site drainage
- 3) The center drive will be discontinued and the east drive will be constructed so as not to inhibit foot traffic
Along the sidewalk
- 4) Select Milk Producers, Inc shall comply with all portions of the zoning ordinance applicable to its zoning

Motion carried.

Upon request to have read out loud and entered into the minutes, Chairman Schmidt, read out loud, a letter from Resident and local Business Owner Mark Douglas regarding his position statement in regards to CS Facilities and Select Milk Producers, Inc. Following is the letter as submitted:

*I only have a few minutes today. If this changes, I will send a longer email. Please pass this along to planning board members and read it as my position statement. I would like to have this email read into the minutes. The newest industry addition request for the milk plant does not generate an environmental impact on the community surrounding the plant. The noise and smell are unique to the milk processing. Bottling and drying out a product are two separate issues. Don't stop one project because an unrelated process had a problem at one time. Which I understand has been addressed. I am failing to understand the logic of delaying and urge you to allow the expansion.
Thanks.*

Mark Douglas

PLANNING DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Planning Director, Steven Patrick informed the Commission members that he received a letter of resignation from Commission member Wash on July 29, 2012. Mr. Patrick stated that Mr. Wash expressed that his primary reason was due to an increase in responsibilities and night meetings at the City of Walker.

ADJOURN

Being no further discussion, Chairman Schmidt adjourned the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 P.M

Mike Schmidt, Chairman