

BROWN COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION
September 10th, 2019

The Brown County Planning & Zoning Commission held their regularly scheduled public meeting on September 10th 2019 at 9:00 am in Room 204 of the Brown County Courthouse. Commission members present: John Rolloff, Brian Braun, Dennis Potter, Anita Mohr and Commissioner Anton Berg. Also present: Chuck Hansen, County Attorney; Sam Hansen, County Administrator; Laine Sletta, Zoning Administrator; Robert Santaella, Assistant Zoning Administrator. Members of the public present: Nathan Bloom, Keith Olson and Fritz Bush – The Journal.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Braun at 9:00 am.

A motion was made by Berg and seconded by Mohr to approve the minutes of the August 11th, 2019 meeting.

The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

The first item was a Conditional Use Permit Application APP-C-0081

Application filed by Nathan Bloom on the property owned by Kathryn & Stephen Bloom described as part of the Northwest ¼ of the Northeast ¼ and of the Northwest ¼ of Section 16, Township 109 North, Range 34 West, Burnstown Township, Brown County, Minnesota. Application is to allow a Firearms retail and manufacturing business out of the residence, all located in the A-1 Agricultural Protection Zoning District.

Discussion: Sletta provided background on the application. Mohr asked if there is a gun range planned, Bloom answered no. Braun asked what type of firearms will be sold and Bloom answered all that are allowed by his permit. He also explained the term “manufacturing guns” means he will put guns together he has sold to customers.

The Findings of Fact Form was filled out. Potter made a motion to recommend that the County Board approve the application with the following conditions:

1. The owner/operator must comply with all applicable Federal, State, and Local rules and regulations and keep all required permit in good standing.
2. If there is a change in ownership at any time, the new owner must update contact information with Brown County Planning and Zoning Office

Mohr seconded the motion and it passed unanimously on a 5-0 vote.

The second item was a Conditional Use Permit Application APP-P-0083

Application filed by Keith Olson on the property owned by Ladd Demolition & Aggregates described as Lot A of the Northeast ¼ of the Northeast ¼ of Section 13, Township 109 North, Range 33 West, Leavenworth Township, Brown County, Minnesota. Application is to continue to allow gravel mining to include gravel and extraction, crushing, and hot-mix plant, all located in the A-1 Agricultural Protection Zoning District.

Discussion: Sletta provided background on the application. Mohr asked Olson how long the pit will remain open and he replied it should last 20 years. Olson noted that they have a dust control plan and will grade the road if there is a lot of hauling.

The Findings of Fact Form was filled out. Potter made a motion to recommend that the County Board approve the application with the following conditions:

1. The owner/operator must comply with all applicable state rules & regulations obtain & keep in good standing all required permits & shall submit copies of like to Brown County Planning

& Zoning Office.

2. The CUP is effective for a period of three (3) years from the date of issuance, If there is a change in ownership of this site, at any time, the new owner must apply for a new CUP.
3. CUP C#-2016-0034 is Null & Void.

Mohr seconded the motion and it passed unanimously on a 5-0 vote.

The third item was a Preliminary Plat Application APP-P-00

Application filed by Judith Isaksen on the property owned by Floyd & Judith Isaksen known as Isaksen Subdivision (3.78) on property described as part of the N ½ of the NE ¼, of Section 18, Township 109N, Range 35W, all in North Star Township, Brown County , Minnesota. Application is to split building site from the tillable acres, all located in the A-1 Agriculture Protection Zoning District.

Sletta provided background on the application. Santaella noted that the previous version of this plat was extremely irregular and it is pretty close to being square now. Berg made a motion to recommend approval to the county board and Mohr seconded the motion. Motion passed on a 5-0 vote.

The Brown County Planning Commission had discussion on different proposed Zoning Ordinance language changes, the Planning Commission presented the commission with a completed listing of proposed revisions to the Zoning Ordinance and a report of the research on what neighboring counties have in their ordinance.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Rolloff and seconded by Berg to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Laine Sletta, Zoning Administrator