

Helga Township  
Planning & Zoning Special Meeting  
Patrick and Annette Schulke Conditional Use Permit  
Public Meeting Minutes  
April 18, 2017

**PRESENT:** David Horn-Chair, Brian Fulk, Terri Westin, Branden Smith, Joanna Olson  
Hammerstrom, Clerk-Sue Adkins

Supervisors present: Don Clay-Chairman, Jeff Schussman, Dale Berglund, Jim Lyle

Meeting called to order, 8:48 pm, Pledge of Allegiance recited

**CUP Application:**

The application from Patrick and Annette Schulke, (Contractor- Northern Paving) 49361 US 17, Bemidji MN, to have business/manufacturing, retail sales and business marketing which includes signage (12x12, 8x12, 10x10) was reviewed by the board. The Schulkes were not present to answer questions.

**Public Input:**

The public was allowed to ask questions and give input. Some of the discussion and/or concerns included: \*parcel size \*type of manufacturing

**Findings of Facts:**

The Planning Commission went through the findings of the facts for the CUP.

1. Will the planned use be detrimental to or endanger the public health, safety, comfort, convenience or general welfare of the neighborhood or the Town?

*No, this will not be detrimental, if they comply with any conditions the township places on the CUP and all state and county laws. No, not if these conditions are applied: No ongoing bituminous hotmix plant operations, no onsite crushing, and operating hours should be set by the board.*

2. Will the planned use be harmonious with the general and applicable specific objectives of the Town's Comprehensive Plan?

*Yes, if they are compliant with the CUP they will be harmonious to the surrounding area.*

3. Will the planned use be designed, constructed, operated and maintained to be compatible in appearance with the existing or intended character of the general vicinity and will not change the essential character of that area?

*Yes, the plan will be compatible with existing businesses in the vicinity.*

4. Will the planned use be hazardous or disturbing to existing or future neighboring uses?

*No, it will not be hazardous to neighbors.*

5. Will the planned use involve uses, activities, processes, materials, equipment, and conditions of operation that will be detrimental to any persons, property or the general welfare because of excessive production of traffic, noise, smoke, fumes, scenic blight, glare, or odors?

*No, the planned uses will not add additional traffic or noise.*

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6. Will the planned use involve lighting, including lighted signs, that would impair the enjoyment of property and/or property owners in the vicinity or the safety of the traveling public?

*There are lighted signs in the neighborhood, and it will not impair the enjoyment of property and/or property owners. The Schulkes will have to comply with the state regulations as well.*

7. Would the planned use be in conformance with the provisions of this Ordinance, and would not unreasonably interfere with the health, safety and welfare of the surrounding owners and the public, if conducted in compliance with the conditions imposed on the permit?

*It will not interfere with surrounding owners or the public with the conditions that will be set.*

8. Would the planned use adequately provide for parking, current and anticipated traffic congestion, and traffic safety so the use does not become or create a nuisance?

Yes, there is adequate parking and a traffic plan, turn lanes are already in place.

**Recommendation:**

**Motion** made by Joanna Olson Hammerstrom to accept the Finding of Facts and recommend to the board to approve the CUP for Schulkes, **Seconded** by Brian Fulk, by show of hands **all approved**.

**Adjourn Meeting:**

**Motion** by Terri Westin to adjourn the meeting, **Seconded** by Brian Fulk, **motion carried**. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Susan Adkins, Clerk

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David Horn, Chairman