

Helga Township
Board of Supervisors Special Meeting
Patrick and Annette Schulke Conditional Use Permit
Public Meeting Minutes
April 18, 2017

PRESENT: Don Clay-Chairman, Jim Lyle, Joanna Olson Hammerstrom, Jeff Schussman, Dale Berglund, Clerk-Sue Adkins

Supervisors present: David Horn, Brian Fulk, Terri Westin, Branden Smith

Meeting called to order, 9:12 pm, Pledge of Allegiance recited

CUP Application:

The application from Patrick and Annette Schulke 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.

Planning & Zoning Recommendation:

The board has the recommendation from the Planning & Zoning that the CUP be approved with conditions of: No ongoing operating bituminous plant, no crushing, operating hours should be set by the board.

Public Input:

There was no public input.

Findings of Facts:

The board 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 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, it will be harmonious, it follows suit with the businesses along 71. Also, the business is existing at this time.

3. Will the planned used 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, they will be adding signage which is consistent with businesses on the Highway 71 corridor including lighted signs.

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

No, it will not be hazardous to neighbors.

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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. The business will remain the same with the addition of billboards.

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?

No 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?

The conditions will be: Hours of operation will not be limited. See conditions in question 1.

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 Don Clay to approve the Patrick and Annette Schulke CUP with conditions listed in the Finding of Facts, **Seconded** by Jim Lyle, by show of hands **all approved.**

Adjourn Meeting:

Motion to Don Clay to adjourn the meeting, **Seconded** by Jim Lyle, **motion carried.**
Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Adkins, Clerk

Don Clay, Chairman