

**Minutes of the
Steele County Planning Commission
July 2nd, 2023**

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Esplan at 7 pm. Present were Esplan, Dinse, Spatenka, Lammers, Queen, Pool, Commissioner Brady, and staff member Oolman.

Agenda:

Motion by Queen, second by Lammers to approve the agenda as submitted. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes:

Motion by Spatenka, second by Pool to approve the June 5th, 2023 minutes as submitted. Motion passed unanimously.

Building Permits:

The building permits for May were reviewed.

County Board Action

Oolman reported the County Board approved CUP 434 (Wilert) and the renewal of CUP 217 (Klemmensen Pit) as recommended by the planning commission.

Amendment to CUP #399 (Christy Mulert – Tails and Trails Kennel)

This request is from Christy Mulert to amend CUP #399 to expand the capacity of her kennel to allow up to 50 dogs. The kennel is located at 3073 South County Road 45 in Section 27 of Owatonna Township.

The public hearing was opened.

- Mike Eidson -2899 S. County Rd 45, did not oppose the request but expressed concern with the drainage from this property running toward his building site. His residence is about 300 yards away and he asked what would be done with the dog waste to ensure that it didn't pollute his site. He requested that the runoff be tested to insure it wasn't polluting his property.
Oolman responded that the applicant has indicated they sweep up the solid dog waste and hose down the kennels. The wash water is then collected in a holding tank which is pumped.
- Less Johnson, 2942 S. County Road 45, He occasionally hear the dogs but does not oppose the request. He does not want this facility to infringe on his use of his property such as shooting a gun.
- Jerry Katzung, Owatonna Township, hasn't heard any complaints concerning the existing site.
- Greg Lammer, indicated he lives in the area and can occasionally hear dogs barking but it's never been an issue.

As there were no further questions or comments, the public hearing was closed

Motion by Spatenka, second Dinse to recommend approval of the amendment to CUP #399 with the following 7 conditions: (~~strikethrough~~ is deleted, underlined is added)

1. This permit allows for the boarding of dogs and cats. It does not permit the breeding and selling of animals.
2. Kennel is permitted for a maximum of ~~30~~ 50 dogs and 10 cats.
3. Dogs must be kept inside during the hours of 7:00 P.M. to 6:00 A.M.
4. The kennel owner must live on site.
5. All buildings shall meet building code for the intended use. Any remodeling or new construction on the parcel is to adhere to all Steele County codes and ordinances.
6. Solid dog waste shall be cleaned up and disposed of in and approved manner. Wastewater shall be collected in a holding tank and disposed of in a manner approved by Steele County and/or the State of Minnesota.
7. Operator is responsible to obtain all other federal, state, and local permits and regulations including but not limited to the Department of Agriculture, Board of Animal Health and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.

Motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment:

Motion by Lammers, second by Pool to adjourn. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.