



STEELE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

Steele County Administration Center – 630 Florence - Owatonna, MN 55060

Steele County's Mission:

Driven to deliver quality services in a respectful and fiscally responsible way.

Monday, September 9, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. – Steele County Boardroom

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Lammers at 7:00 pm. Present were Dinse, Lammers, Pool, Spatenka, Commissioner Brady and staff member Oolman.

Agenda:

Motion by Spatenka, second by Dinse to approve the agenda as submitted. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes:

Motion by Dinse second by Spatenka to approve the August 6th, 2024, minutes as submitted. Motion passed unanimously.

Building Permits:

The building permits for August were reviewed.

County Board Action

Oolman reported the County Board approved CUP #439 (Steele-Waseca-Substation) as recommended by the Planning Commission

CUP #440 (Herrmann- Firearms Assembly)

This request is from Michael Herrmann to assemble firearms as a home occupation from his property located in the NE ¼, of the NW ¼, Section 17, Berlin Township. The property address is 8819 SW 128th St.

Questions and comments of the commission.

Dinse- Does the Federal Firearms License require a security system to be put in place?

Herrmann-Yes, there are safety measures that need to be followed.

Spatenka- What caliber of firearms are you assembling?

Herrmann- My system will work with the 1911 design for multiple calipers, but I'm focusing mostly with weapons used by security and police units such as .45 and 9mm.

Lammers- Will you be test-firing weapons after they're assembled?

Herrmann- Yes

Spatenka: When you test fire can you use suppression on the firearm?

Herrmann- Possibly, but my design does not currently allow for that.

Lammers- How often do you test fire the firearms?

Herrmann- Usually 10 to 20 rounds on each weapon to insure they are working properly. Will typically assemble 5 or 6 weapons at a time.

The public hearing was opened.

Rena Berg, neighboring landowner, - Will you be assembling the firearms where do the parts come from?

Herrmann- Parts will be custom manufactured elsewhere I will assemble the firearm in my home.

Berg- What direction will you be testing the firearm?

Herrmann- There is a berm east of the house and I have been shooting that direction.

Spatenka- Explained how he uses a trap box for his concealed carry classes and suggested that could be used in this situation as well.

Have you been firing weapons from your property in the past?

Herrmann – yes, for several years.

Berg- Are you going to be doing any retail business?

Herrmann- No, not at my house.

Pool- How much do you plan on shooting in a week?

Herrmann- 30 to 40 rounds a week.

Niel Berg express a concern with stray bullets.

Un-named property owner to the east indicated there have heard shooting but wanted to make sure he was not shooting towards there house.

Herrman explained he would not be shooting directly east, parallel to the road.

Discussion was held on requiring a back stop or bullet trap as a condition.

Herrman was agreeable to that condition.

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

Motion by Dinse, second by Pool to recommend approval of CUP #440 (Herrmann- Firearms Assembly). With the following 4 conditions:

1. Business must maintain a Federal Firearms License.
2. No outdoor test firing between the hours of 7:00 P.M. to 8:00 A.M.
3. No retail sales from this site.
4. Operator must develop and utilize an acceptable backstop or bullet trap when test firing weapons.

Motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment:

Motion by Spatenka, second by Dinse to adjourn at 7:40pm.