Special Meeting Planning and Zoning Minutes October 21, 2024 7:15 PM

The special meeting was called to order by Chair Orville Willenbring with the following members present Ron Mehr, Dave Thielen and Clerk/Zoning Administrator Lynn Burg

Absent Dean Holthaus and Robin Caufman

The Public hearing for Jeffery Kostreban Parcel #23.13785.0027 State Highway 23, Richmond, Mn are requesting a public hearing for an interim use permit for mining, screening, crushing, washing, hauling, 3 washing ponds concrete aggregate, base material and maintenance operation for approximately 21 acres.

Jeffery Kostreban and WM D Soepaniak were at the meeting.

Willenbring brought up that berms need to be 8 to 10 feet high, and the operation time is from 6:00 am to 10:00 pm Monday – Saturday. WM D Soepaniak informed the board that they feel that 7:00 am to 7:00 pm will work for them.

Shawn Reinke was present and asked how much water was going to be pumped out. Shawn had lived next door to this property for a long time. If we approve the mining pit there will not be a view to the west. Shawn has questions about air quality and where the road was going to be located. Also, the water and well.

Craig Reink was present and had questions about who would pay if he had a problem with his water and well.

Willenbring informed Jeffery that we received an email from Jennifer Buckentin from Stearns County that Mining is not allowed in commercial districts and this property is zoned commercial, but the board would make a recommendation to the Town Board.

A motion to close the public hearing was made by Thielen, seconded by Mehr. Carried 3-0.

The board members talked about issues that were a concern to them.

A motion for a recommendation to grant the interim use permit on the continuance on if they rezone from commercial to A40 and if it's approved. Also, they need to come back to the board with air quality, well and water, location of road access, berms on east of the property, seeding of berms and weed control was made by Thielen, seconded by Mehr. Carried 3-0

A motion to adjourn was made by Mehr, seconded by Thielen. Carried 3-0.