

MINUTES
HARVEY COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
HARVEY COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
Harvey County Courthouse
Community Room
July 2, 2013
7:00pm

Members Present: Clifford Kirk, Wayne Alison, Jack Bender, Duane Miles, Bonnie Wendling, John Reed, William Wilson, Philip Kimerer, Harlan Foraker, Teresa Thach, LynneVigil

Members Absent: Chad Fuqua, Larry Goering, Dorothy Thiessen

Staff Present: Gina Bell, Julie O'Flynn

Others Present: Joe King

At 7:00pm Chairman Clifford Kirk called the meeting to order.

Cliff Kirk moved to approve the June 4, 2013 minutes. Jack Bender made a motion to approve and Wayne Alison seconded. The board voted unanimously to approve the minutes and the motion was carried.

Cliff Kirk opened discussion on Case #CUP13-002 concerning the retail sales of firearms and ammunition and the manufacture of ammunition on the property located at 4624 S Halstead Rd, Halstead, KS and owned by Joe King. Gina Bell read the staff report.

The floor was opened for Directors questions. John Reed asked about the distance of property to other residences. The closest property is approximately 300 yards away. The applicant's property is approximately 10 acres. It was verified by Gina Bell that the meeting information had been published and the adjacent land owners informed. Harlan Foraker asked if the City of Halstead had been informed and Gina explained that she had discussed the situation with JR Hatfield, Halstead City Administrator, and he had no objections.

Clifford Kirk then took a moment to introduce 2 new members; Lynne Vigil from the City of Sedgwick and Duane Miles from the City of Newton.

The floor was opened for comments & questions of the applicant, Joe King, concerning CUP13-002. Joe explained that he would only be handling retail sales of firearms and ammunition. There would be no firing range set up and no internet sales. He will have a test fire bed but only a property owner will be allowed to fire weapons. No neighbors have expressed any concerns. He was asked what he considered his market and he stated he felt it covered Wichita, Newton, Hutchinson & Hesston.

Cliff Kirk opened the Public hearing. No representatives from the public were present so the public hearing was closed.

Philip Kimerer moved to approve the CUP13-002 per Staff Report items A-E and including Conditions 1-6. Wayne Alison seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to approve and the motion was carried. Gina Bell explained that this issue will now come up before the County Board of Commissioners for approval.

Old Business – none.

New Business – Gina Bell discussed the issues concerning the Carril El Tucan racetrack south of Halstead. This racetrack meets all the criteria of a business which is an illegal use of the property involved. John Stutzman will need a Conditional Use Permit to continue with this enterprise. Gina Bell will be sending a formal letter to get this matter settled.

Gina discussed the new flood maps and which areas they covered. There will be a formal FEMA meeting held on July 24th, 2013 at 1:00pm in the Halstead City Hall.

There are no items on the agenda for the August meeting, so it has been cancelled.

Chairman Cliff Kirk adjourned the meeting at 7:40pm.