



TO: Red Wing Advisory Planning Commission Members
Red Wing Sustainability Commission

FROM: Brian C. Peterson AICP, Planning Director;

RE: Notes from Public Hearing Re: Silica Sand Mining
Study 6-26-12

Notes:

1. Dave Lewis and Ken Moon opened the meeting at 7 PM and introduced members of the two commissions in attendance that included: Laurel Achen, Carol Duff, Heidi Jones, Erik Fridell, Tom Calhoun, and Sylvia Smythurst. Also in attendance were council members Rauterkus, Bayley, Rehder, and Meinke. Council members Hove and Bender had been in attendance at the open house that took place from 6 to 7 PM prior to the Public Hearing. Also in attendance were State Representative Tim Kelly, Deputy Public Works Director Jay McCleary, Planning Director Brian Peterson, and Assistant Planning Director Steve Kohn.
2. Dave Lewis introduced the purpose of the public hearing and reviewed the rules for the public hearing.
3. Brian Peterson presented a summary of the "Industrial Silica Sand (Frac Sand) Mining Operations Moratorium Draft Report, June 20, 2012." The draft report has six sections including: Section 1 – Introduction; Section 2 – Potential Environmental Impacts; Section 3 – Red Wing Comprehensive Plan Guidance; Section 4 – Existing Regulatory Framework; Section 5 – Alternative Regulatory Approaches; and 6 – Recommendations (Not yet completed).
4. Dave Lewis opened the Public Hearing at approximately 7:30 PM.
5. Winston Kaehler, 905 West Third Street, Red Wing: Mr. Kaehler talked about the need to more fully discuss the trucking and transportation concern; truck traffic can't be tucked away but is funneled into the core of the city; he did not think that mining should be conducted at all in the City; there should be a cost/benefit analysis; he would not like to see Red Wing colonized by east coast investors.
6. Kathleen Bibus, Hay Creek Township: Thought that there should be a traffic analysis and thanked the city for their hard work.
7. Katie Bakke, 31267 Longhans Road, Hay Creek Township: Did not see any benefit from the proposed mining operations and wanted to know if the City had talked with other communities. Erik Fridell and Brian Peterson reviewed some of the communities that had been consulted.

8. Representative Tim Kelly: Applauded the city's work on the report; thought that the financial assurance requirements was a smart thing to do; was concerned that the regulations and assurances might cover the city liability but might not cover individuals harmed by mining operations; he is very supportive of local control; there has not been a lot of state legislative discussion about the issue; he did think that there should be state guidelines but also local control
9. Lowel Noreen, Frontenac: Was concerned with water resources and the amount of water used in the process. Ken Moon spoke to some of the water use and water quality issues.
10. There was some general discussion about the need to have some contact with the Goodhue County process and the Goodhue County commissioners.
11. Brian Peterson reviewed the schedule for the next steps that include: 7-17-12 joint workshop meeting between the Planning Commission and the Sustainability Commission; 8-13-12 Introduction of the draft report to the City Council; 8-21-12 Joint meeting with the two commissions to finalize the report; 8-27-12 Council meeting to accept the final report and provide direction; 9-18-12 Planning Commission Public Hearing on zoning amendment; 9-24-12 council 1st reading of zoning amendment; 10-8-12 council adoption of zoning amendment; 10-13-12 public zoning amendment; 10-27-12 zoning amendment becomes effective; 10-28-12 moratorium terminates.
12. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9 PM.