



TO: Red Wing Advisory Planning Commission Members
Sustainability Commission
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RE: Notes from March 13, 2012 Joint Meeting

Notes

The Red Wing Sustainability Commission and the Red Wing Advisory Planning Commission met on Tuesday March 13, 2012 in a joint workshop to discuss the Silica Sand Mine Study. Below is a short summary of the discussion.

Extraterritorial Rights: Planning Director will review this with the City Attorney to see if the City has any authority beyond its corporate limits.

Prohibit Silica Sand Mining: Should the City consider a complete ban? Planning Director will review this matter with the City Attorney.

Issues to Consider Include:

- Groundwater usage and contamination
- High capacity well permit needs
- Air quality
- Storm water runoff
- Hazardous waste
- Truck traffic
- Blasting
- Noise levels
- Lighting
- Hours of Operation
- Dust
- Road Use, traffic, weight, congestion, MnDOT, County, City authority

What general controls are already in place? What needs to be added?

Zoning:

- Could be beneficial to rezone areas
- Resource Extraction could be removed from the AR zone and limited to A and I-2

Open Space Preservation Plan

- Look at priority areas

- Publicly owned property
- Then look at properties that have potential from a zoning point of view

Consider wash plants in addition to the actual mining – off site in I-2

Public property, who controls mineral rights?

Mitigation requirements

- Reclamation
- Development agreements
- Check with DNR
- Require funding upfront
- Owner pays for monitoring and mitigation

Should we work to develop state legislation for local benefit and \$?

Use Existing Tools

- Comprehensive Plan
- Open Space Priorities
- Existing Zoning
- Ownership

What are the pros of having a mining operation?

- Jobs
- Trucking
- Subcontracting and Services
- Taxes?
- Domestic Energy

Impact on other local economics

- Tourism
- Property values and taxes

Look at licensing vs. zoning permits or with zoning permits

- Licensing is good at controlling fees and penalties
- Could do both

Schedule

- Develop report in April and May
- Public Meeting in June
- Report to Council in July
- Ordinance work in August and September
- Adopt by October

Interim Ordinance

- State legislation to change the rules

- Should the city look at extending the moratorium now in case it is needed later?
- Planning Director to talk to the City Attorney

Two Commissions

- Both bodies to work on the report
- Planning Commission will work on actual ordinance changes

Next Meetings

- Subcommittee made up of Dave Lewis, Erik Fridell, and Brian Peterson to work on an outline of the report
- Next meeting of the Sustainability Commission and the Planning Commission set for April 11, 2012 in the Council Chambers, from 7 to 9 PM