

Stutsman County Planning & Zoning Commission Minutes – March 31, 2020

Meeting was called to order at 8:15 AM by Tyler Perleberg. Roll call taken. Present were Duane Anderson, Dave Schwartz, David Steele, Thomas Schultz, and Tyler Perleberg, Zoning Administrator. Absent was Brian Amundson, Steve Cichos, Paul Bensch, and Dan Buchanan.

Others in attendance: Nicole Meland.

Motion to approve the minutes from the June 7, 2019 meeting was made by Mr. Steele, seconded by Mr. Schwartz. Motion approved unanimously.

Tyler introduced the application for a zoning change applied for by Cole Clark of Clark Agronomy. The area he would like changed to a commercial district is the SW1/4SW1/4 of Section 5, T142, R68 (Strong Township). The point of the change is to allow him to convert the existing use of a farm building/warehouse he currently has into a place of storage to re-sell chemicals and fertilizer. The county's zoning ordinance currently does not allow a commercial warehouse or retail business within an agricultural district. Ms. Meland asked if there is a minimum size for a commercial zoning district & Tyler answered that there is not a minimum listed in our ordinance. Mr. Steele asked about how many other types of these businesses are there in our county. Tyler mentioned he personally only knows of a couple. Mr. Schultz mentioned he knows of a few just in the Ypsilanti area alone. Tyler mentioned that there is a possibility that some of those other businesses may not have gone thru the zoning process. With no further discussion, Mr. Steele made a motion to approve the zoning change, Mr. Schwartz seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

Mr. Andersen made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Schwartz. Meeting adjourned.