

**MINUTES OF THE HAVEN TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**August 29, 2011**

The Haven Planning Commission Board met at the Haven Town Hall on Monday, August 29, 2011. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Mike Pesch. Members present: Chairman Mike Pesch, Supervisor Jeff Schlingmann, Supervisor Mark Knowles, Supervisor Kathi Sims-Kosloski, Supervisor Randy Linn, David Meyers and Tammy Schefers. There were approximately 50 residents who attended the meeting.

Supervisor Mark Knowles made a motion to approve the agenda. Supervisor Kathi Sims-Kosloski seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Comprehensive Land Use Plan for Haven Township – Supervisor Jeff Schlingmann talked about the Haven Township Comprehensive Land Use Map. This map is used as a guide for Future Development for Haven Township. At 6:09 p.m. Chairman Mike Pesch opened up the meeting for Public Hearing.

Lewis Stark- Questioned why the Township had to enter into an orderly annexation in certain areas on the map. He also made the comment that taking on the zoning for Tract 1 & 2 is a big responsibility. He feels the board should have not done that. The County was doing a good job. The Township now has a big responsibility with Del-Tone/Luth gun range in the zoning of the Township. He feels that should have stayed with Sherburne County.

Timothy Stier- Had the question of why residential properties are not on the Haven Comprehensive Land Use Map. There is a lot of residential property in Haven Township and he feels that also should be shown on the Map.

Dennis Lietha – Asked if the Comprehensive Plan is the only area you are dealing with tonight. Will there be discussion on the Road Assessment Policy?

Supervisor Jeff Schlingmann stated that there will be no discussion on the Road Assessment Policy tonight and that the Haven Township Comprehensive Plan Map is just a guideline that they will follow for the Township.

Chairman Mike Pesch then closed the public hearing at 6:21 p.m. After discussion from the Planning Board, Supervisor Jeff Schlingmann made a motion to recommend the approval of the Haven Township Comprehensive Plan with the Map included to the Haven Township Board. Supervisor Kathi Sims-Kosloski seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Application for an Interim Use Permit from Canine Agility of Central MN / John Schreifels - Dorein Johnson from the Canine Agility Club talked and explained to the Board what she was requesting. Canine Agility of Central MN, Inc. is requesting an Interim Use Permit for our not-for-profit club's canine agility activities and possibly some other canine training classes. This club has been in existence since 1993 and must rent property for our activities since we have been unable to purchase land for our use. Along with our classes and competitions we also give back to the community through outreach programs at no cost to the participants (Youth Outreach Program, Veteran's Outreach Program and 4-H Youth). They are looking to lease the property located at 3388 County Road 8 SE, St. Cloud, MN. She also explained to the Planning Board on how they will use the property. At 6:41 p.m. Chairman Mike Pesch opened up the meeting to hear public comment.

Brock Lieberman – He wanted to know if there were any residential homes at the other locations that the club previously leased.

Lewis Stark – He is on the Fair Board for Benton County and has had experience with this Group. They are a good clean outfit and are very professional in what they do.

LeRoy Pauley- Asked if the set-up was like a playground for dogs. Like the one on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street SE near the Ken Neeser property.

Timothy Stier- Stated that this is not for profit, but you charge for classes. Does the property owner John Schreifels get compensated for the land use? If yes, then it would be a commercial organization and then should be in a commercial area. Not by a residential area.

Jim Allaire- He is a member of the Canine Agility. There is not a high impact. We shut down before dark. We are done during daylight savings time.

Julie Klien- She has had the opportunity through 4-H to be involved with this club. It is an awesome club. It was great excitement when this became possible for the 4-H youth to be involved. They are a professional group and also go to show at the State Fair Grounds. I really thank Dorein for the opportunity she gave us as a group.

Joe Casey- Is a participant from the Veteran's Group. He feels it gives him the ability once a week to be more involved in the community. It is a very good group of people.

Michelle Patterson- She works with the Catholic Charities. The income that the club generates goes back to pay for the expenses of the club. She does not understand why anyone would not want them in the community. They have a huge impact on people and they meet the requirements. It is a very relaxing evening when working with the trained dogs. The neighbors will not be disappointed. They are a very professional club.

Corrine Francy- She is concerned about the traffic impact most on County Road 8. She also does not want to hear barking dogs all the time. What does Interim mean? One Year? She also has the concern of the sign on the property. Will it be taken down if the property is leased? Will this be an all year thing or just May – September? I don't feel this belongs here at this location.

Supervisor Jeff Schlingmann described the difference between an Interim Use Permit and a Conditional Use Permit.

Marty Petersen- Stated that it is a good idea, but who will be responsible for all the kids on the site. The liability for all of this? How much freedom will these 50-60 people have? How will the traffic be managed?

John Schreifels- He is the owner of the property. He made the comment that there is no alcohol on the premises. He said that there have been no issues when they were at the V.A. site. The kids were well under control as well as the dogs. There were also no impacts with traffic issues. There is real good support. He mowed the lawn to make the area look nicer. He does support this and hopes the board will also.

Lynn Arnold- She works with the Veteran's Outreach Program. It has an impact on all of the people who have the opportunity to work with this group. This group is well accepted and is a good group to work with.

Timothy Stier- He is concerned if this belongs here or not. This is not a commercial area. It is more residential. This is a commercial organization and is in high density use which should be in a different area.

Hal Lieberman- He lives north of this property. He stated that his wife was involved in 4-H, the V.A. and with handicapped children. It is hard to oppose such an activity as this. That is not the problem. The problem is should it be located at this site where it is surrounded by all residential properties. This should be in a commercial area. It should not be in an area that is considered agricultural or residential.

Troy Ostrowski- The speed on that road is already a problem. There is too much barking with the dogs around that area already. Dogs are dogs, they will bark where ever they are. What is the procedure and how will the barking be controlled?

Peter Stier- He had his dog in the class four years ago. It is not the dogs that are in Canine Agility that do all the barking, it is the other dogs in the area that are doing it.

Brock Lieberman- This certainly needs conditions on this. He usually hears noise from the people on the site. I was told there could be no portable toilets on the site. There is a lot of

dust on the site. How will this be taken care of? This is unacceptable for a residential area. It needs to be in an industrial or commercial area. It does not fit this area.

Tom Leonard- Traffic has picked up. He has lived in this area for 27 years. There is no parking for this. They say 50 – 60 cars, soon to be 100 -200. What is the limit? The dust, dirt will be a problem. It will be also a lot of noise on those weekend events. Why doesn't Catholic Charities take this and put it somewhere else. This is not right for this neighborhood. Chairman Mike Pesch closed the public comment at 7:26 p.m. The Board had more discussion on this issue. Supervisor Jeff Schlingmann then made a motion to recommend approval of this Interim Use Permit request to the Haven Township Board with these conditions:

- \* Canine Agility will use the Club House Bathroom facilities and rent portable toilets for the weekend competitions.
- \* No dogs will be kenneled on site or stay over night.
- \* There will be two 100' x 100' rings. They will be locked when not in use.
- \* Maximum of 15 dogs, 15 people and 15 cars on week day training.
- \* Hours will be from 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Monday – Thursday, occasional Friday classes.
- \* The property will be gated and locked while not in use.
- \* There will be at least one member at the site while the facility is open for use.
- \* The site will be open from April 15<sup>th</sup> – November 1<sup>st</sup>.
- \* There will be four special weekend events a year. They are usually held the end of April first part of May, Father's Day weekend in June, third weekend in August and third weekend in September.
- \* The weekend events will start at 10:00 a.m. on Friday - Sunday till 5:00 p.m.
- \* No camping on the site overnight.
- \* No food vendors allowed.
- \* Must pick up dog poop and all garbage on site.
- \* No alcohol on site.
- \* No new buildings with-out administration approval.
- \* Haven Township has a Dog Complaint Ordinance.
- \* Must Revoke the Current Conditional Use Permit on this property.
- \* All on site parking centralized around the paved area.
- \* Only a total of 60 registrants for the special events weekend.
- \* Must have a garbage collection the Monday that follows the weekend event.

Supervisor Mark Knowles seconded the motion. The motion carried.

There were no pending matters as requested by the Zoning Administrator.  
There was no discussion or comment on the Zoning and Subdivision Ordinances.

Supervisor Mark Knowles made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Supervisor Jeff Schlingmann seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

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Chairperson

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Clerk/Treasurer