

Zoning Board Minutes

June 30, 2008
4:00 pm

Vice-Chairman Russ Hoff called the meeting of the Stark County Zoning Board to order. Members present were Russ Hoff, Ron Hauck, Leo Kuntz, Duane Grundhauser, Sue Larson, and Joe Frenzel. Also present were States Attorney, Tom Henning, Assistant Zoning Director, Natalie Wandler, and Auditor Alice Schulz.

Duane Grundhauser made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 5, 2008 meeting. Joe Frenzel seconded. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

Vice-Chairman Russ Hoff opened the public hearing on a request made by Jon Stevenson representing Stevenson Funeral Home for a special use permit located on commercial property. The hearing is for the erection of a cremator with attached storage located on a tract of land in the E2E2E2 of Section 9 Township 140 Range 96 containing 1.00275 acres.

Mr. Stevenson presented his request and told the board that they would like to erect a building similar to the Miller Insulation building located north of Dickinson. The building would house a cremator in the front of the building and Wilbert Vault Company would have the storage in the back. With the new emission and new standards in the past 20 years it is more feasible than it used to be and with the large liability insurance needed to cover other vendors for cremations it seems like the time is right.

Vice Chairman Hoff asked if there was anyone to speak against the request. Mary Lewton presented signatures opposing the special use.

Duane Grundhauser made a motion to deny the request, with the amount of people opposing this, he is hoping they will find a better place where it is more commercial. Leo seconded. Russ Hoff told the people present that he agrees with their concerns and would also have a tough time with a cremator next to his home. Joe Frenzel feels like Mr. Stevenson should be given a chance to bring in additional data to back up his request. Sue Larson said she knows this is a delicate and emotional situation but agrees with Mr. Frenzel and give Mr. Stevenson that opportunity.

Roll call vote. Hauck Nay, Kuntz Nay, Grundhauser Aye, Frenzel Nay, Larsen Nay, and Hoff Aye. Motion failed.

Joe Frenzel made a motion to give Mr. Stevenson time to provide additional data such as items from the manufacturer or agencies that deal with this sort of thing such as bad experiences etc. Russ Hoff seconded.

Tom Henning made a suggestion to table it. Joe Frenzel then made the motion to table the request and ask for further information from Mr. Stevenson. Ron Hauck seconded. All voted Aye and the motion carried.

Duane Grundhauser moved to adjourn. Joe Frenzel seconded.