

Zoning Commission Minutes

November 27, 2013
3:00 pm

Chairman Russ Hoff called the meeting of the Stark County Zoning Commission to order. Chairman Hoff, Gene Jackson, Sue Larsen, Jay Elkin, Kurt Froelich, and Larry Messer present and absent were Klayton Oltmanns and Duane Grundhauser. Also present were Planner Steve Josephson, States Attorney Tom Henning, and Nicole Roberts of the Auditor's Office.

Sue Larsen moved to approve the minutes from the October 31, 2013 meeting. Jay Elkin seconded. All voted Aye and motion carried.

Chairman Hoff opened the public hearing on a request from South Heart Rail Terminal, LLC. The request is for a zoning change from Agriculture to Industrial on a parcel located in the E2 of the NW4, Lots 1 and 2 of Section 7, Township 139, Range 98, in the NE4 of Section 7, Township 139, Range 98, in the SE4 of Section 7, Township 139, Range 98, in the SW4 of Section 7, Township 139, Range 98, and in the SE4 of Section 6, Township 139, Range 98 containing approximately 686.06 acres. Chairman Hoff asked for anyone to speak for or against the zoning change from Agriculture to Industrial. Nancy Eberts, Frank Hurt, Ruth Molm, Ed Buckman, Laura Tangen, Lori Solberg, Mary Hodell, Gordon Krance, Jared Steffan, Wade Schaffer, and Joshua Steffan stated that their concerns from last month haven't changed and that none of the questions have been answered from the September 26th 2013 meeting. Gaylen Baker spoke for the zoning change. Byron Richard voiced his concerns for both sides. Chairman Hoff closed the public hearing.

Kurt Froelich moved to recommend to the Stark County Board of Commissioners the denial of the zoning change from Agriculture to Industrial following staff recommendations for South Heart Rail Terminal, LLC. Lack of a second, motion failed. Jay Elkin moved to recommend to the Stark County Board of Commissioners the approval of the zoning change from Agriculture to Industrial. Larry Messer seconded. Jay Elkin moved to amend his motion to include the paving and widening on 125th to the project and to meet with County Road Superintendent and County Engineer. Larry Messer seconded. Roll call vote. All voted Aye except Kurt Froelich voted Naye. Motion carried.

Steve Josephson, County Planner, notified the board that a variance would be coming before them in the future and that he would send out the information on procedure and criteria.

Larry Messer moved to adjourn. Sue Larsen seconded.