

Special Meeting
October 12, 2004

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Jeff Cook, George Sundstrom, Corlis West and Stephen Dahl

Absent: Bruce Aho

At this time the board made corrections and approved the minutes from the August 5, 2004, August 17, 2004 and September 21, 2004 minutes

Correction August 5, 2004

Page 2 line 75 George made a motion "to approve"

With that correction, George made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 5, 2004 meeting, Stephen seconded. Motion passed.

Correction August 17, 2004

Page 2 under definitions beginning with line 69. Incorrect definition of detached deck was included in the minutes. The definition "attached deck" should be included.

Correct Georges motion to include the words "attached deck" before the words "A horizontal unenclosed platform".

With those corrections, George made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 17, 2004 meeting, Jeff seconded. Motion passed.

Corrections September 21, 2004

There were no corrections to these minutes

George made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 21, 2004 meeting, Corlis seconded. Motion passed.

Corlis made a motion to introduce no new topics after 9:00 p.m., the meeting will be recessed if necessary and reconvened at a later date, George seconded. Motion passed

Attorney Tim Strom presented a history of the Town's industrial zones, developed since the late 1970's.

A lengthy discussion and multiple comparisons followed between; the current Duluth Township zoning ordinance, the Duluth Township draft ordinance and the current St. Louis County zoning ordinance.

George

Question from the Board: Is there any way we can maintain some of the Performance Standard Requirements under the ML designation and bring those forward under our current ordinance document?

Answer from Attorney Strom: Yes.

George made a motion to adopt the language from the St. Louis County Zoning Ordinance, section 5.09; Jeff seconded.

5.09 "Limited Industrial Use (LIU)

Purpose: This district is designed to accommodate those industrial and manufacturing uses that foster orderly economic growth, without adversely affecting the residential and recreational character of the surrounding area, by imposing performance standards, additional standards through conditional use review or by prohibiting a use. This district may be used in a shoreland area if permitted by an adopted land use plan".

Jeff called for the question – question motion passed.

Motion failed: Yes – George No – Jeff, Corlis, Stephen.

Corlis made a motion to adopt the current Duluth Township zoning ordinance Purpose language under Section 11 for industrial and manufacturing within the township, Stephen seconded.

Sec 11 ML, Limited Industrial

Purpose: This district is designed to accommodate those industrial and manufacturing uses that foster orderly economic growth, without adversely affecting the residential character of the surrounding area, by imposing performance standards to minimize conflict between dissimilar uses and by prohibiting uses that may contribute to environmental deterioration.

Motion passed.

George made a motion to call this zone district Limited Industrial Use district LIU – 3A, Jeff seconded.

George called for the question – question motion passed.

Motion passed.

Corlis made a motion to recess the meeting. Motion died for lack of second.

George made a motion to adopt A, numbers 1, 2, 3, and 4 from the current Duluth Township zoning ordinance, Corlis seconded.

Corlis called for the question – question motion passed

Motion passed: Yes – George, Corlis and Stephen. No – Jeff

Permitted Uses with Performance Standards

Manufacturing and light industrial uses consistent with the purpose of this district.

Warehousing, storage, and wholesaling attendant to the principal industrial use.

Accessory uses and structures, including occasional retailing.

Signs, not exceeding 50 square feet to a side, limited to two per industrial site (directional signs not included).

Jeff made a motion to adopt B, numbers 1 and 2 from the current Duluth Township zoning ordinance, George seconded.

Uses Authorized by Conditional Use Permit:

Single family dwelling for personnel directly connected with the industrial operations, provided there is only one dwelling per site.

Planned development, including all divisions of the property not covered by the Subdivision Regulations of St. Louis County.

George made a motion to table this motion, Jeff seconded. Motion passed

Corlis made a motion to suspend this meeting to another yet to be decided date, Jeff seconded. Motion passed.

By Ann K. Cox

Clerk, Duluth Township

Duluth Township