

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING
Inver Grove Heights City Hall - Council Chambers
Thursday, June 28, 2007

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 7:30 PM by Commissioner Huffman, acting as chair.

2. Roll Call

Commissioners Present:

James Huffman, Bob Pohlman, Greg Groenjes, Peter Hall, and Chris Wang

Staff Present:

Jennifer Emmerich, Assistant Planner
Allan Hunting, City Planner

3. Approval of the Agenda

Mr. Hall moved to approve the agenda and Mr. Pohlman seconded the motion. Motion to approve carried unanimously.

4. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Hall moved to approve the minutes and Mr. Groenjes seconded the motion. Motion to approve carried unanimously.

5. Old Business

6. New Business

A. SKB Environmental – Discussion of horizontal expansion of the 117th Street demolition landfill.

Mr. Hunting stated that SKB was asking to expand their existing site which will allow them to add approximately two million cubic yards of demolition debris to the operation, extending the life the demolition landfill by approximately 10 years. He also stated that Rick O’Gara of SKB was at the meeting to answer any questions.

Mr. Hunting further stated that Barr Engineering reviewed the plans and are satisfied that they meet the City’s environmental concerns. SKB has asked to use some of their leachate as a dust suppressant, which is a common practice and the City doesn’t see a problem with that. The only modifications to the staff report

have to do with financial assurance. The City feels that the money the County requires is sufficient. Therefore staff has recommended approval of the request.

Rick O’Gara, president of SKB stated that he had been involved with the landfill since 1989 and they have never had any violations. He further stated that they have a liner to catch the leachate and do not take any hazardous waste. He also stated that the demolition landfill was the best usage choice for the property because it is surrounded by other industrial uses.

Mr. Pohlman stated that he toured the facility and was impressed by it.

Mr. Hall moved to recommend approval of the SKB application. Mr. Groenjes seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Bituminous Roadways – Renewal of their five year sand and gravel overlay district approval for their gravel pit and asphalt plant on Rich Valley Blvd.

Mr. Hunting gave a short presentation, stating that Bituminous Roadways is applying for their five year renewal of their sand and gravel overlay permit. He stated that the extraction started in 1974 and that their last major change was in 2002 where the City Council approved an expansion. They are in Phase 1 of that expansion and the renewal is not for any changes from the approval.

Mr. Hunting stated that Barr Engineering has reviewed the report and conditions and they are satisfied with the request. One change they have asked for is removal of one monitoring well, as they don’t think it’s necessary. Mr. Hunting then deferred any questions to Kent Peterson of Bituminous Roadways.

Mr. Peterson asked if any of the commissioners had any questions.

Mr. Hall asked about the removal of the well.

Mr. Peterson said that there are so many monitoring wells that they could remove this one and still be able to monitor the ground water. Additionally, the well testing is expensive and by removing the well, they will see a significant cost savings.

Mr. Hall asked what the savings would be.

Mr. Peterson said that they will save about \$1,000 per test.

Mr. Hall moved to recommend approval of the application. Mr. Wang seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

7. Citizen Comments

8. Reports and Updates

Ms. Emmerich informed the commissioners that the City Council is looking for volunteers to be on a facilities expansion task force. Mr. Huffman said that he would be interested in being on the task force.

9. Adjournment

Mr. Hall moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m. Mr. Pohlman seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously (5-0).