

BEACH ZONING BOARD PROCEEDINGS

A meeting of the Beach Zoning Board was called to order by Chairperson Al Begger on October 10, 2011 at 8:10 a.m. Present when the meeting was called to order was Jim Harchenko, Tama Smith, Tom Marman, Tony Wanner, City Auditor Kimberly Nunberg, guests Paul Lautenschlager, Gary Farstveet, Richard Kukowski, Deb Walworth and Jerry DeMartin.

Nunberg read minutes from the meeting held on September 19, 2011. Marman moved to approve the minutes as read, second by Wanner. Motion carried unanimously.

Paul Lautenschlager, Manager of Beach Co-op Grain Company provided information on an expansion project the elevator is planning that would employ four more people. The new building would be used for storage of fracking sand for oil wells, fertilizer and equipment. Since fracking sand is not an agricultural product a Conditional Use Permit is required. Lautenschlager explained Beach Co-op Grain Company has entered a two year contract with Rainbow Ceramics who would ship ten rail cars of fracking sand per week which is equivalent to 40 additional semi trucks per week. Currently, the elevator accommodates averages of 120 semi trucks each week. Lautenschlager mentioned the fracking sand being shipped in by rail is an advantage to having it hauled in by semi and then hauled back out by semi. Spectators attending were given the opportunity to express their concerns regarding the request for Conditional Use Permit. Concerns mentioned include but are not limited to;

- Impact on streets due to additional semi traffic.
- Semi traffic going through a school crossing zone on Hwy 16.
- Controlling dust from the parking lot area where semi's would wait to be filled.
- Installing a concrete pad where the street and approach join to lessen damage from trucks turning on to the street.

Marman moved to make recommendation to the City Council to approve the Conditional Use Permit if Beach Co-op Grain Company adheres to the contract of only 10 rail cars per week and Beach Co-op Grain Company agrees to not protest a Special Assessment District for street repairs on Main Street when deemed necessary, second by Begger. Motion carried unanimously. Nunberg will provide the written recommendation to the City Council at the public hearing on October 17th.

An Application for Building with a Variance from Kevin Steen was presented. There is limited space where the storage shed can be placed due to a number of large trees in the yard. Currently the storage shed is only 17' from the curb and needs to be 30' from curb or in line with the existing structures on the block. Discussion. Marman moved to deny the request for variance, second by Wanner. Motion carried unanimously. Building permits issued since the last meeting were reviewed.

Marman moved to adjourn, second by Wanner. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

ATTEST:

Al Begger, Chairperson

Kimberly Nunberg, City Auditor