

**CASTLE ROCK TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL MEETING
October 18, 2006**

The special meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Castle Rock Township was convened at the Town Hall on Wednesday, October 18, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. Present were Russell Zellmer Chair, Arlyn Lamb Vice-Chair, Mike Rademacher, Gary Pipho, Paul Irrthum Supervisors, and Maralee Rother Clerk. Also present were Michael Kiefer, Andy Thompson, Erv Zimmer, Carolyn Kiefer, Janet Zimmer, Janet Haven Hill, John Henderlite, Gretchen Schreiber, Shirley Dubbels, Louise Williams, Edward Siegfried, Gene & Lorraine Jahnz, Bob Williams, Sheila Peterson, Gary Peterson, Joe Kreme, Mike Conboy, Dorraine Dorneman, John Leshovsky, Ray Henry, Karen Tarrant, Robert Haven, Sarah Lemagie, Barbara Watland-Will, Carolyn Sampson, Kenneth Betzold, and Pat Pariseau.

Russell Zellmer Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The purpose of the meeting is to review a request for a variance permit for Haven Chemical Health Systems, LLC Robert Haven, President, 2042 Wooddale Drive, Suite 220, Woodbury, MN 55126.

The purpose of the variance is to allow operation of a state-licensed residential facility for chemical dependency treatment for 10 persons at 22355 Albatross Circle, Farmington, MN 55024.

Russell Zellmer Chair asked that the Haven Chemical Health Systems present their views.

Bob Haven presented the following:

1. that it will be a 10 bed chemical dependency treatment facility
2. clients must be over 18 years old – no felons
3. it is a 21-30 day treatment program
4. it is modeled after the 12 step program and do reality therapy
5. client referrals are by physicians, insurance companies, and counties
6. 31 females from Dakota County were in the program within Dakota County
7. he has female facilities in Mendota Heights and Scandia Township
8. he explained the advantages of 10 person over 6 person facility

Most of the information has already been given to the Township except for a letter from the Dakota County Sheriff, which was presented to the Board at this meeting.

Karen Tarrant has presented a packet to the Planning Commission and it was also given to the Board of Supervisors previously. Karen Tarrant presented the following:

1. those at the treatment center will be sober
2. there will be no wandering in neighborhood
3. visiting hours are regulated so traffic will be controlled
4. it is an attractive residence, and there will be no change of exterior or interior
5. according to statistics from 1984 there is no negative impact on value of property

6. the review at the Scandia facility was changed from six months to two years

Peter Beck, attorney for Bob Haven, presented a letter to the Board of Supervisors and discussed the contents of the letter which addressed the legal issues before the Board in its determination of whether to approve a variance to allow the facility to treat up to ten people.

Russell Zellmer Chair asked for public response regarding the issues of this meeting:

1. Gretchen Schreiber-questioned the 10-person issue and what signage would be at site. Karen Tarrant answered that there would be no large or neon signs.
2. Janet Zimmer-pointed out that the variance is the issue and referred to page 79 of the Ordinance Book. 8.06 Variances-Criteria for granting variances.
3. Ed Siegfried-made a point that beds for 93 were out of state or Dakota County. Haven answered that they would like to have 100 beds in their facilities
4. Bob Williams-asked what is the success rate? Haven answered that 65% are recovering.
5. Carolyn Sampson-feels that 30-day programs not adequate time for these treatments.
6. Carolyn Kiefer-discussed the variance and the criteria of it on page 79 of the Ordinance Book. She also stated that Joe Harris informed her that Dakota County refers clients to other facilities because of cheaper costs and better quality care. The Township should be aware of the zoning laws that no multi-family facilities are allowed and the verification is on page 14 and page 37.
7. Gretchen Schreiber-feels that traffic is an issue. In Scandia where the facility is located there are many applications for facilities following Haven's approval and there are now more facilities. Karen Tarrant responded that there is not that many in Scandia.
8. Mike Conboy-asked if you would like to live next door to a facility such as described? There was no response.
9. Ray Henry-resident of Castle Rock Township explained that thirty years ago when he wanted to start his business all the neighbors had to be in agreement for his business.
10. Mike Kiefer-discussed the state statute, regarding 10 people.
11. Bob Williams commented that the lower level is a complete apartment with a separate entrance and garage. Supposedly there were not permits pulled for second kitchen or apartment.

Chair Russell Zellmer called for any comments from the Board of Supervisors.

Gary Piphon asked Haven if they had their state license.

The Clerk called for a recess to go to office to get documents left on desk.

The Clerk read the letter from Department of Human Services and the application for Interagency Request for Building Inspections dated October 11, 2006 at Paul's Place, 22355 Albatross Circle, Castle Rock Township, MN 55024, for the proposed use to provide chemical dependency treatment services. Contact person is Robert Haven and his phone number 651-734-9633. Area of the facility to be used: unknown at this time. Number and age ranges of the participants: unknown at this time. Does the facility plan to serve handicapped individuals? unknown at this time. Karen Tarrant responded that it should read 6 for number of participants

and the Board of Supervisors realized the fact the application received from Haven is for a ten person facility.

Gary Piphio discussed the multi-family home issue. That this would be considered spot zoning if rezoned. There is no evidence of a hardship. There would be a traffic issue and privacy would be an issue.

Arlyn Lamb discussed the single-family definition.

Gary Piphio made a motion and Arlyn Lamb seconded to deny the variance petition from Haven Chemical Systems for a 10-person facility at 22355 Albatross Circle, Farmington, MN 55024 based on discussion at this meeting and the findings from Dean Johnson dated October 11, 2006. Motion carried 5 ayes.

Gary Piphio made a motion and Mike Rademacher seconded to acknowledge the memo from Dean Johnson regarding Haven Chemical Systems Variance application dated October 11, 2006. Motion carried 5 ayes.

Paul Irrthum made a motion and Arlyn Lamb seconded to adopt the findings number 1-9 from Dean Johnson's memo dated October 11, 2006. Motion carried 5 ayes.

Arlyn Lamb made a motion and Paul Irrthum seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 5 ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Maralee Rother Clerk

Attest:
Russell Zellmer Chair