

Planning & Zoning Special Meeting of Castle Rock Township

May 5, 2008

Chair, Norbert Kuhn, opened the meeting by saying the Pledge of Allegiance. Norbert asked each resident to address the board by stating and giving their address.

Jana Kutnink: 3671 250<sup>th</sup> St., Farmington, MN 55024. Explained the Bottoms Up Bike fest she is applying for an interim permit for July 18<sup>th</sup> – starting at 5:00pm to go through July 20<sup>th</sup> around noon – 2:00pm. She explained the property will remain a hayfield and that she doesn't wish to change the property. Jana is also bringing a packet of information to the planning and zoning containing copies of vendor's licenses requested by the planning and zoning board at the last meeting on April 28, 2008.

Jeff McDonald: (nephew of Jana) gave the board a business proposal. Jeff also explained there will be biker competition, antique bike show, classic bike show, live music (tent for the band).

Don Haan: 3950 250<sup>th</sup> St., Farmington, MN 55024. Don has a question regarding the safety of his cattle. He mentions the loud bikes & music will spook his cattle. Don says he enjoys motorcycles, but feels the bike fest should not be on private property.

Mrs. Mary Haan says she has heard this is a charity for Last Hope and called Bev Orr, president of Last Hope. Mary states Bev told her she did know anything about the charity for Last Hope.

Jana Kutnink then presents a letter from Bev Orr stating she does know about the charity fort Last Hope.

Jeff McDonald: He has sat down with the Dakota County Police Dept. (Commander Beorge) to get a permit for a large assembly permit (which goes from 301-1,000 people).

Arvella Neff: 2499 Chippendale Ave., Farmington, MN 55024. Lives across hwy 3 from driveway where bikes will go in & out. There will be noise from bikes coming and going for 3 days. It would have been nice if Jana had come to the neighbors first.

Norbert Kuhn: Bd. Chair – Who will card people to see if they are 21 yrs of age? Jeff McDonald says he doesn't know yet. They will request each guest to sign a waiver.

Sandy Weber: Bd. Member – Will there be 1 bonfire or more? Jana says they have a permit from the Farmington Fire Dept.

Scott Ring: 15280 Robert Trail, Rosemount, MN – He mentioned that lawyers and doctors also ride bikes and this would be a very law abiding festival.

Jana: Comment on noise – signs would be posted to please respect and ride quietly.

Jeff McDonald mentioned that they would put a barrier up and post a police car to sit on the East end to curtail noise.

Robin Garlick: 3671 250<sup>th</sup> St, Farmington, MN 55024. Will there be 2 driveways to the property? Yes, there will be people posted at both entrances.

Lee Farley-Moe: 3873 250<sup>th</sup> ST. W., Farmington, MN 55024. How do you drive motorcycles quietly? You will also be doing games, etc. The games will go all day and how do you run motorcycles in a hayfield?

Jeff McDonald: This is not a competition to see how loud they can get. Noise leaving the property will be the biggest problem on Hwy 3.

Lee Farley-Moe: Why go through all the expense when you can just rent the fairgrounds?

Jeff McDonald: This started out as just family & friends and it just snowballed.

Sgt. Scot Dundall (Dakota County Police Representative) – The bike festival has a contract with the county police dept. for just Sat. night.

Don Haan: Who has the liability for the show. Don wants to know what will happen if his cows get out? He also felt they should have had permits first before putting out flyers of the event.

Lee Farley-Moe: Why can't the event be done at the fairgrounds?

Jana mentioned there was an antique motorcycle show at the fairgrounds that was run out of Farmington. Jana also wants this to be an annual event. If the event gets bigger she will look for another venue to hold the event.

Denny Moe: 3871 250<sup>th</sup> St. W., Fmgtn, MN 55024. Sounds like this started out as a plan for family and friends and is now on the internet and people can come from anywhere.

Jana said they are getting a fabulous response.

Norbert Kuehn asked, How can you turn people away?

Gary Pipho: There is a maximum number of 1,000 people to this permit granted by the Dakota County Police Dept.

Mike Slovadnik – Bloomington Resident. He rides with fire fighters, policeman. He also rides to save

gas. He was born in Iowa and his family owns a century farm. He feels there would be no disrespect to residents and property if the bike fest is held on private property.

Janice Ehnes: 3782 250<sup>th</sup> St. W., Farmington, MN. If you have 200-1000 people at this festival you won't know ½ the people.

Andrea Bengan: 3815 250<sup>th</sup> St., Farmington, MN 55024. She says that Jana talked to us this last weekend – we respect her enthusiasm, but not for it in a residential area. I have a 7 yr. old autistic son and a 5 yr old daughter. My autistic son cannot take the noise and is very sensitive to noise.

Lee Farley-Moe: If people will leave to eat that will be continual in and out of motorcycles and there will be lots of noise. What about local residents with kids.

Jana Kutnink: There are more four wheelers going up and down the road and out on the streets. We would like motorcyclists to eat at local restaurants, buy gas at local gas stations and also from the vendors.

Mary Haan: Is there a fee for the vendors?

Jana Kutnink: We hope the fees from the vendors will pay for the event.

Jeff McDonald: Vendors will supply \$1 million in liability insurance.

Jana Kutnink: Will also supply \$1million in insurance liability for each occurrence they have with Dakota County.

Paul Irthum- How will you regulate fire? There was a controlled burn that got out of control 4 years ago and Castle Rock ended up being responsible and paying for the fire to be put out.

Andrea Bengan: If 1,000 people are there and something goes wrong how will everyone get out? This is a dead end street.

Don Haan: Does the \$1 million liability cover me. Don is covered.

Tony Trevis: Is there a noise ordinance?

Norbert Kuhn: There is a noise ordinance.

Margie Thorson: 27535 Biscayne. Works with the Dept. of Agriculture and not used to tractors and they make a lot of noise. I'm not used to them.

Owner Castle Rock Bar and Grill: If this event is held at the county fairgrounds there will be noise for the houses around there. What is the difference?

Norbert Kuhn: The people around the fairgrounds expect the noise and choose to live there.

Mary Haan: You forgot to ask the neighbors first.

Janice Ehnes: Yes, you forgot to ask the neighbors first.

Gary Piphon – Chair Town board: It doesn't matter if it is a bike fest or a quilting event.

Lee Farley-Moe: The fairgrounds is the perfect place because it is designed for commercial events.

Jana Kutnink: We will be using generators for electricity.

Bob Dubbels – Planning & Zoning Board: Is there enough room for parking for 1,000 people?

Jeff McDonald: Dakota County Police Dept. said 13 acres is enough parking of motorcycles for 1,000 people.

Norbert Kuhn - Planning & Zoning Chair: At the last meeting you were applying for an Interim Use Permit and according to our ordinance this is not the right permit.

Norbert Kuhn as for a motion on the Interim Use Permit. Paul Irthum made a motion to deny the Interim Use Permit as according to the Castle Rock Ordinance it is the wrong ordinance for the property. Bob Dubbels 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, all in favor aye. Motion carried.

Kana Kutnink then asked at the last meeting for a C.U.P. application.

Norbert Kuhn: At the last meeting on April 28, 2008, the planning and zoning board said they would need to check with legal before making a decision on the conditional use permit. After checking with legal they say according to our ordinance the land is zoned agricultural and not for commercial use. A C.U.P. would make it a permanent change for that property. We have nothing in our ordinance for those kinds of changes.

Norbert Kuhn thanked Jana Kutnink for coming to the board.

Norbert Kuhn asked for a motion to deny the C.U.P. based on our ordinance.

Paul Irthum made a motion that according to legal to deny the C.U.P. as it is not allowed by our ordinance, unless to allow in a perpetual. Sandy Weber – 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Norbert, Paul, and Sandy – Aye. Bob Dubbels – Nay.

Bob Dubbels made a motion to Adjourn the meeting, Paul Irthum 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, all in favor aye – motion carried.