

Planning Commission Minutes
April 13, 2006
Special Meeting

Call to Order:

The April 13, 2006 Planning Commission meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by Chairman Gary Henke.

Roll Call:

Those in attendance were Henke, Renning, Heise, Noel, Betts, and Gabert.

Others present: Paul Hanlon (City Inspector), Brad Graham, Wayne Buskirk, Dawn Buskirk, Greg Stelse, Jeff Handschke, John Knudsen, Bev Knudsen, Lorene Kusserow, and John Mortier.

Conditional Use Request for a Dirt Kart track:

Henke introduced the conditional use request and recapped the concerns that were made at the previous meeting. They were noise, dust, lighting, traffic and restroom facilities. Hanlon explained the maximum sound level at the property line would be 65 decibels according to chapter 17 of the New London Municipal Code, which is the zoning ordinance. Dawn Buskirk provided additional information on the sound level created at the track and at different distances away from the track. As the distance increases the sound decreases. The sound level at the property line would be about 48 decibels according to the chart. Information on lighting and photos of the site were presented to the members. Jeff Handschke was concerned the perspective buyers did not know where the property lines were, however; they explained the realtor had provided that information. A list of people who were in favor of the track was presented. The signatures were from all around the area, not just from New London. There was also some discussion with the audience during the course of the meeting.

Motion by Henke to approve the Conditional Use limiting the track to race 1 night per week until 10:00 PM, no more than 3 weekend events over the course of a season, maximum decibel level not to exceed 65 at the property line and permanent restrooms within 48 months. No second. Motion defeated.

Motion by Heise, second by Renning to deny. Motion carried 5-1 with Henke voting no.

Other Matters:

None.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 5:50 PM by Chairman Henke.