

Devils Lake Planning Commission
7-26-07

Present: Fred Bott, Frank Mack, Larry Liere, Ray Frohlich, Mike Grafsgaard, Tom Traynor, Terry Thompson, Louise Olsen, Gary Martinson.

Larry opened the public hearing to review a request from Mercy Hospital for a conditional use permit to allow a temporary structure to be attached to the back of the hospital to house the MRI unit.

Ray Frohlich said the hospital would like to put a temporary structure with a roof connecting to the back of their building. A 44' truck housing the MRI unit comes twice a week and they would like to be able to have the unit available 5 days a week. They intend to eventually house the unit inside the hospital. They anticipate signing a contract to have the unit for 5 days per week. They may not enclose the unit this winter but want to have the conditional use permit as an option. He said the Fire Chief has no fire safety concerns with their proposal.

Gary said this request is similar to the one from the clinic for the temporary structure they put up for the therapy units. The requested use doesn't fit as a temporary use, but fits better as a conditional use. The city will work with them on getting it all enclosed.

Ray Frohlich said they would wire smoke detectors into the hospital's system.

Mike noted that the conditional use permit for the clinic had a 2 year limit, to be reviewed each year.

Larry asked if this temporary structure would interfere with emergency evacuation for St Joseph's school.

Ray Frohlich assured him it would not.

Larry closed the public hearing and opened the regular meeting. Frank made a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Motion 2nd by Terry. Carried.

Frank made a motion to recommend approval of a conditional use permit to allow Mercy Hospital to place a temporary MRI structure at the back of the hospital, with a 2 year limit to be reviewed each year. Motion 2nd by Terry. On roll call vote: Tom, aye; Fred, aye; Mike, aye; Terry, aye; Frank, aye; Larry abstained from voting. Motion carried.

It was mentioned that a few people having been asking about the big box ordinance.

Gary said we need to add language about traffic patterns and have some development plans. The moratorium on building a large retail store is in effect until December, so we still have some time.

Frank made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion 2nd by Terry. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Carlson
Recording Secretary