

Following is a timeline of recent events concerning the Kraemer Mining and Materials application for a quarry in the Town of Osceola. Meeting minutes should be reviewed for greater detail.

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History of Significant Events

October 13, 2008

Kraemer Mining and Materials submitted applications for zoning change, special exception permit to operate a quarry in an agricultural zoned area, and an application for a reclamation permit.

October 27, 2008 – Planning Commission Meeting

Kraemer provided an overview of their company

Polk County Land Information Department discussed the process.

November 4, 2008 – Chairman submits to Kris Anderson questions from the Planning Commission regarding the permitting and operating of a quarry in Osceola Township.

November 10, 2008

Woody Morley submits notice of intent to register a marketable non-metallic mineral deposit to Polk County.

November 10, 2008 – Town Board Meeting

Discussion on restricting additional land use changes prior to completion of comprehensive plan and any associated zoning changes. An example provided was the Town of Concord (WI) ordinance requiring a separate Town issued permit. No action taken and further investigation is required.

November 13, 2008 – DNR Letter

DNR Ecologist, Ryan Magana, provides a description of the ecological significance of the proposed quarry site.

November 17, 2008 – Planning Commission Meeting

Kraemer presented an overview of the request for the zoning change and the special exception permit. Additional details of the presentation can be found in the meeting minutes. Kraemer responded to previously submitted questions by the planning commission in a separate document. An overview of the questions and answers were shared with the people in attendance. Some additional questions requested by the public in attendance were answered.

November 18, 2008 – Special Town Board meeting

The Town Board discussed the possibility of a moratorium. Responses from legal counsel (Thomas Levi), the county, and Towns Association were considered. The general consensus was the ability to use a moratorium to restrict development until completion of the comprehensive plan may not withstand a court challenge. Some

additional follow-up with the Town of Laketown's attorney would be considered at a future meeting. A second item considered was the Town temporarily performing its own zoning to have more control over situations through its own zoning code. However, such an approach would require County Board approval in addition to significant work to create the necessary ordinances and procedures.

November 25, 2008 – Kris Anderson's follow-up response to Plan Commission questions.

December 5, 2008 – Letter received from William Thiel urging the Town to move forward with the Rochford rezone and delay other Town business, such as the proposed chapter 13 ordinance.

December 8, 2008 – Letter received from William Theil reminding the Town of his opinion on a new mining ordinance, and stating that the Town should act now on the Rochford rezone.

December 12, 2008 – Letter from Glenn Stoddard, FORCE WI attorney, requesting the Plan Commission either oppose or postpone the Rochford rezone request.

December 14, 2008 – Chairman submits to Plan Commission answers to questions regarding adjacent property values from the Town's appraiser, Gene Johnson.

January 9, 2009 – DNR Opinion of Biological Survey
DNR Ecologist, Ryan Magana, submits a two page opinion on the biological survey conducted by Kraemer's consultant.

January 12, 2009 – Town Board Meeting
Letters from the public relating to the proposed quarry will not be posted on the Town's website. Instead, they will be routed to the Plan Commission and Town Board and the names of the authors will be read into the record at the next meeting.
The Town will hire Stevens Engineering to conduct analysis on Kraemer's Burnsville and Mille Lacs quarries.

January 15, 2009 – Letter to Town from the Village of Osceola stating increased traffic concerns.

January 19, 2009 – Special Town Board Meeting
The town contracts with sound engineer George Kamperman to review and comment on the Kraemer proposal.

January 20, 2009 – Cedar Corp. submits an evaluation on Kraemer's groundwater analysis.

January 21, 2009 – The Town Board and Plan Commission received a response from Kraemer Mining and Material regarding: Cedar Corporation’s findings; a letter from Martell Well Drilling; Blasting; and a bedrock glade.

January 22, 2009 –

- Kamperman Associates complete a review of Kraemer’s Blasting/Noise/Ground Vibration Study.
- Stevens Engineers completes their analysis of the Burnsville and Mille Lacs quarries.
- The Town Board summarizes their December 30, 2008 meeting with Dresser Trap Rock.
- Chairman submits to Plan Commission answers received regarding traffic from the Polk County Highway Commissioner.

January 23, 2009

- Chairman submits to Plan Commission an analysis on the possible economic impact from quarry.
- Chairman submits to Plan Commission a traffic summary.

January 24, 2009 -

- Chairman submits to Plan Commission a summary of land use issues for the proposed Kraemer quarry.
- Supervisor Wright submits to Plan Commission a summary of the rail line that is being proposed for future use by Kraemer Mining and Materials.

January 26, 2009 –

- Letter from Village of Dresser
Village President, Rick Flandrena, submitted a letter expressing issues of concern regarding the Rochford rezone and proposed mining operation. Concerns were public safety and road maintenance.
- Letter from Glenn Stoddard – Attorney, FORCE WI
In summary, this letter opposes the Rochford rezone request.
- Plan Commission Meeting-Plan Commission voted 6 to 1 to recommend denial of Rochford rezone request.

February 9, 2009 – The Town Board approves resolution #09-01 to recommend denial of the Rochford rezone request. This resolution will be sent to Polk County.

February 12, 2009 – Letter from Gary Spanel of Polk County Zoning

On February 11, 2009 Kramer Mining withdrew the Rochford rezone request and a new or modified Special Exception Permit application will be needed in order for the Land Information Committee to schedule a public hearing.

March 1, 2009 –

- Chairman’s submits to Plan Commission summary of Kamperman report.

- Chairman submits a revised summary of possible economic impact from the proposed quarry.

NO FURTHER MEETINGS ON THIS SUBJECT ARE PLANNED AT THIS TIME.