

SAUK COUNTY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

SAUK COUNTY WEST SQUARE BUILDING
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February 23, 2012

DECISION
SAUK COUNTY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
Appeal Application No. SP-02-12

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

The Kraemer Company, LLC
820 Wachter Ave.
Plain, WI. 53577

Dear Sirs:

On February 23, 2012, the Sauk County Board of Adjustment considered your application for a special exception permit, pursuant to Sauk Co. Code § 7.05(2)(l)19. Based upon the applicable records, evidence and testimony presented at the hearing, the Board of Adjustment makes the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

The Kraemer Company, LLC, hereinafter referred to as "Applicant", applied for a special exception permit pursuant to Sauk Co. Code § 7.05(2)(l)19, to authorize the location the continued operation of a quarry. The property is located in section 15, 21 and 22 in the Town of Freedom and subject to Chapter 7, of the Sauk County Zoning Ordinance.

Sauk Co. Code § 7.05(2)(l)19, provides that a special exception permit is required for mineral extraction activities in the Agricultural District.

This site has been used, off and on, for mineral extraction since 1917. A special exception permit was granted on 2007 to the applicants for the continues operation of the quarry for a period of five years. The property is surrounded by forested, agricultural and few residential properties.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Sauk County Board of Adjustment may not grant a special exception permit for mineral activities unless all of the conditions listed in Sauk Co. Code §7.05(2)(l)19, are met. As part of its review, the Board must determine whether the location of the site is consistent with the intent of the ordinance and whether the site will significantly injure the public health, safety or welfare. The applicant has the burden of showing that the permit meets the standards designated in Sauk Co. Code § 7.05(2)(l)19. Edward Kraemer & Sons, Inc. v. Sauk County Board of Adjustment, 183 Wis. 2d 1, 515 N.W.2d 256, 262 (1994).

Upon reviewing the evidence and testimony, the Board determined the mineral extraction site is consistent with the purpose and intent of the Agricultural District. The board made this decision based on testimony and information provided at the hearing, and the following:

The Board determined that this site has been used for mineral extraction activities for more than ninety years. The applicant has the approval of the Town Board to continue operation of the quarry.

DECISION

Based upon the evidence, testimony, exhibits and legal authority, the Sauk County Board of Adjustment, by a vote of four to one, approves your request, subject to conditions, for a special exception permit to operate mineral extraction activities.

In issuing the special exception permit, the Board set forth the following conditions the Applicant shall comply with:

- A. All work on and use of the premises shall proceed with the plans and supplemental evidence presented at the hearing. It is the responsibility of the applicant to secure all required Town, State, Federal and County permits within one year of the hearing date.
- B. No work shall be commenced prior to receiving the Board of Adjustment decision letter and securing the required permits.
- C. The plant shall operate for the term under all the conditions, and during the hours as permitted by special exception permit SP-08-07. This permit is due to expire February of 2022.
- D. The permit shall be nontransferable.
- E. The Sauk County Conservation Planning and Zoning Office shall be granted permission to view the site to ensure compliance with these conditions and other relevant provisions of the Sauk County Ordinances. The power to ensure compliance with these conditions is given to Sauk County conservation Planning and Zoning. If the department finds that any of these conditions have been violated, they are hereby authorized to take corrective action, either through suspension of the permit, citations or by any means of enforcement that is within their power.
- F. Failure by the Applicant to follow all of the conditions set forth by the Sauk County Board of Adjustment is grounds for suspension or revocation of the special exception permit and possible enforcement action. In order to have the special exception permit reinstated after suspension, the applicant must comply with all the conditions established by the Board of Adjustment, as determined by the Sauk County Conservation Planning & Zoning Director or appear in front of the Board of Adjustment. In order to have the special exception permit reinstated after revocation the applicant must appear in front of

the Board of Adjustment for a new hearing and comply with all requirements as outlined in this letter.

APPEAL RIGHTS

A complete record of the hearing and the decision of the Board is available for inspection at the Sauk County West Square Building. Please note that advance arrangements may be necessary to inspect such records. This decision will become final unless a written appeal is filed with the Sauk County Circuit Court within 30 days of the decision being filed in the Sauk County Planning and Zoning Office. Copies of the record may be secured upon written request and upon payment of the transcription fees.

Very truly yours,

SAUK COUNTY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT



Linda White, Chair *L*

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