

City of Columbus
Public Hearing – Blake Drilling Preliminary/Final Plat Application (PC-16-117)
(MN Management Partners, LLC –applicant)
September 7, 2016

The September 7, 2016 Public Hearing to receive testimony regarding the request for a preliminary/final plat, “Blake Drilling Columbus”, creating five new lots (2 residential, 3 commercial) was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Chair Garth Sternberg at the City Hall. Present were Commission members Jim Watson, Pam Wolowski, Jesse Preiner, and Jody Krebs; City Administrator Elizabeth Mursko, Planner Dean Johnson, and Recording Secretary Karen Boland.

Also in attendance were City Council member Denny Peterson; Todd Voelker, Mike Meyer, John Williams, Lani Blake Thorne, Jeff Joyer, Mary Preiner, and Pat Preiner.

Sternberg: Now we’re going to have a Public Hearing and discussion for Blake Drilling preliminary/final plat request, pages 1 through 7 and enclosures. And, at this time, I’d like to ask the recording secretary to read the notice as published.

Notice was read at this time.

Sternberg: Thank you. And, at this time, I’d like to ask the applicants to please come forward and state your name and address for the record.

Meyer: Is this appropriate to sit down?

Sternberg: Yeah, yeah. Please have a seat.

Meyer: My name is Mike Meyer. I’m with Blake Drilling or Minnesota Management.

Williams: John Williams, Minnesota Management.

Blake Thorne: Lani Blake Thorne, Blake Drilling Company, Minnesota Management.

Sternberg: Okay. Do you want their addresses, for the record?

Boland: Do we need them, Elizabeth?

Sternberg: Okay. If you could just, please, tell us what it is that you’re asking this evening. Asking of us. A little background.

Meyer: Well, in terms of, um, splitting the, the property up. Um, basically, wanting to . . . we didn’t want all the frontage anyway, so, uh, we worked with the, uh, Joyer family to, uh, um, split the property up, also behind us, and, uh, keep a couple of residential lots, way back to the west, um, for the existing residents that were back there. They didn’t want the commercial property brought up to them. So, um . . .

Mursko: So for the Planning Commission, um, purpose here, this is, this is Lake Drive (referring to graphic on overhead), this is Zodiac Street, this is the preliminary and final plat. This is the Blake Well Drilling lot. Originally they owned the front 19 acres, and they have reorganized the, um, lot lines, to create a five-lot preliminary and final plat. Again, this is Lot 1, um, I believe . . .

Meyer: 2 and 3 are in the back.

Mursko: 2 and 3 are the residential lots back here. So, again, this is Zodiac Street, but they would have their frontage off of 4 and 5. And 4 and 5 are owned by Jeff Joyer, and he is also here this evening.

Meyer: Oh, he snuck in.

Sternberg: So, is there any questions on that?

Krebs: Just so we're clear, on Block 1, Block 4, and Block 5: they'll all come off of Lake Drive.

Meyer: Correct.

Williams: Correct.

Krebs: Okay. And they have no access to Zodiac whatsoever?

Meyer: Correct.

Williams: No.

Krebs: Got it. Thank you.

Sternberg: Any, any other questions?

Watson: None, sir.

Sternberg: Okay, well at this time I'm going to open the meeting to the public. Is there anyone here from the public? Okay, then I'm going to close the hearing with the right to reopen if it becomes necessary.

Hearing closed at 7:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Karen Boland, Recording Secretary