

Birch Run Township Planning Commission

Regular Meeting Minutes June 18, 2007

Chairman Bill Nelson called the June 18, 2007 Regular Meeting of the Birch Run Township Planning Commission to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll was taken. Present were Chair Bill Nelson, Vice-Chair Bill Hoffman, Secretary Jerry Cook, and Commissioners Bob Scharrer and Wyn Wilson. A quorum was present. Absent at roll call were Commissioners Dennis Bronner and Jeff Putnam. Mr. Bronner arrived at 7:04 p.m. Also present were Township Planner Mark Eidelson and two members of the public.

Moved by Wilson, **supported** by Scharrer, to excuse the absent member.

Yeas: Hoffman, Cook, Bronner, Wilson, Scharrer, Nelson

Nays: none

Motion carried

Moved by Cook, **supported** by Hoffman, to approve the Minutes of the May 21, 2007 meeting as presented.

Yeas: Bronner, Cook, Wilson, Hoffman, Nelson

Abstain: Scharrer

Nays: none

Motion carried

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Eidelson addressed the Commission regarding the process to amend the Township Master Plan in general and specifically in relation to the approach plan for the Frankenmuth airport. Mr. Eidelson explained that amending the Master Plan is a several month process requiring notification of all abutting communities and the county, lengthy notification periods and Board of Trustees involvement. Mr. Eidelson distributed a handout to the Commission members with excerpts on this issue from the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act. Upon further discussion, it was the consensus of the Commission that further input from the Township administration is needed and the airport approach plan be tabled for consideration at some later date.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Wilson stated that he is glad to see more involvement with the Planning Commission by the professional Township Planner.

Mr. Dale Poellet addressed the Commission to request that the Township requirement that private roads must be built to the specifications of the Saginaw County Road

Commission be reconsidered. He stated his position that these standards are excessive due to the lower traffic volumes on a private road and that the cost of building to such standards is prohibitive. Members of the Commission pointed out that it is only in recent years that the Zoning Ordinance was amended to allow private roads at all. At the time of that amendment, much discussion was held concerning these standards, and it was decided by the Commission and ultimately the Board of Trustees to use county standards. Mr. Poellet was advised that if he wished to bring this matter before the Commission for further consideration at a future date, engineering documents or bringing in an engineer to explain why these standards may be unnecessary might be helpful.

Mr. Steven Parks addressed the Commission regarding the possible future development of the land formerly occupied by a golf course at Beyer and Burt roads, directly south of the Outlet Mall, for a multi-sports complex. The land is currently zone Agricultural. The possibilities of changing zoning or changing permitted special use within the Agricultural District were discussed.

REPORTS

None Heard

NEW BUSINESS

Public Hearing for Lot Coverage Amendments to the Zoning Ordinance is scheduled for the July 16, 2007 regular meeting of the Planning Commission.

Review of the Township Master Plan was tabled.

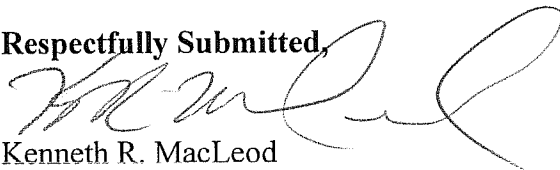
OTHER

An invoice was received for eleven copies monthly of *The Planning and Zoning News*, for the period of October 2007 to September 2008. The Recording Secretary will present this invoice to the Township Clerk for payment of \$350.00 to continue this subscription.

Moved by Bronner, **supported** by Wilson, to adjourn at 9:05 p.m.

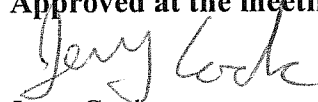
Motion carried by voice vote

Respectfully Submitted,



Kenneth R. MacLeod
Recording Secretary

Approved at the meeting held 7/16/07,



Jerry Cook
Secretary