

Birch Run Township Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting

April 25, 2005

Members Present

Dennis Bronner
Bob Scharrer (Absent)
Alan Hunter
Ramon Rosas

Jeff Putnam
James Totten
Wyn Wilson

The planning commission meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairman Al Hunter. A quorum was present.

There were two visitors in the audience.

1. Caleb Hart
2. Cindy Winland, Crescent Consulting of P.O. Box 1184, Midland, MI. 48641.

Ramon Rosas and Caleb Hart were introduced as newly appointed members of the planning commission.

- Ramon Rosas had been sworn in, and acted as recording secretary.
- Caleb Hart is designated to become a member of the planning commission effective May 1st, 2005.

Minutes of the **March 28th, 2005** regular meeting were reviewed and approved on a motion by Putnam, supported by Bronner. Motion passed 6-0.

Public hearing to consider the proposed amendments to the Master Plan was opened at 7:05pm by Chairman Al Hunter.

The **purpose** of the public hearing is to hear comments concerning:

1. Change the land use classification titles to align with the district titles contained in the Zoning Ordinance.
2. Combine the existing two Agricultural Districts into one Agricultural District.
3. Update the Future Land Use map to reflect changes.

There were no public comments.

The public hearing was closed by Chairman Al Hunter at 7:07pm.

Motion to adopt the proposed amendments to the Master Plan was made by Bronner with support from Wilson. Motion passed 6-0. Amendments were declared adopted by Planning Commission Resolution No. 2005-01.

Public hearing to consider an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance was opened at 7:09pm by Chairman Al Hunter.

There were no public comments.

The public hearing was closed by Chairman Al Hunter at 7:15pm.

Amendment as follows:

Amend Article 4 Section 4.04 by adding new Sub-section C.2. With recommended language to authorize pre-application conferences. Chairman Hunter signed a recommendation to the Birch Run Township Board, with suggested language as appropriate. Members in agreement.

Cynthia Winland of Crescent Consulting was introduced. She gave a presentation on her planning and consulting services and discussed information on site plan review for major commercial developments.

Updated copies of the Annual Report were distributed by Chairman Al Hunter.

Chairman Al Hunter made notice of his resignation, effective May 1st, 2005.

General comments by members included thanks to Chairman Al Hunter for time served on the Planning Commission.

Future Meetings:

The next regular meeting is set for May 23rd, 2005.

All in favor to Adjourn at 8:30pm on a motion by Bronner with support by Wilson.

Respectfully Submitted: Ramon T. Rosas, Acting Secretary

Approved: 5 - 23 - 05