

Birch Run Township Planning Commission Regular Meeting Minutes May 21, 2007

The regular meeting of the Birch Run Township Planning Commission was called 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 Wyn Wilson, Jeff Putnam, and Dennis Bronner. Absent was Commissioner Bob Scharrer. A quorum was present. Also present was DPW Superintendent Ramon Rosas and Deputy Supervisor Ken MacLeod. No members of the public were present.

Moved by Cook, **Supported** by Hoffman, to excuse the absent member.

Ayes: Putnam, Bronner, Wilson, Cook, Hoffman, Nelson

Nays: none

Motion carried

Moved by Putnam, **Supported** by Wilson, to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2007 meeting.

Ayes: Wilson, Cook, Putnam, Hoffman, Nelson

Abstain: Bronner

Nays: none

Motion Carried

OLD BUSINESS

Airport Approach Plan: Deputy Supervisor Ken MacLeod explained to the Commission information received in conversation with Mr. Lynn Smith of the Michigan Department of Transportation, Bureau of Aeronautic and Freight Services regarding the approach plan for Frankenmuth Zehender Field. This plan has been formally presented to the Township with a letter to the Clerk, dated May 15, 2007. This plan has been presented to the Township some years previously, however requirements of the Zoning Enabling Act, Act 110 of 2006, mandate resubmission and action by the Commission. The Act requires that at some time in the future, this plan be incorporated into the Township Master Plan. The approach plan regulates the height of structures, which may be erected in certain zones adjacent to the airport. In the case of areas within the Township, these restrictions would only prohibit structures of 150 feet or higher. Any such structures would already have required permits from the Federal Aviation Administration and MDOT. Although Act 110 only requires that this plan be

incorporated in the Master Plan at such time as any other amendment is being made, it was the consensus of the Commission that this should be done at the June regular meeting, when a review of the Master Plan is already scheduled. The Commission directs the Zoning Administrator to contact the Township Planner to construct language for such incorporation.

Water Department request for Meijer Gate Valves: At the request of the Commission, DPW Superintendent, Ramon Rosas was present to answer questions as to why the department is requesting that two gate valves on the water service for Meijer be removed from the conditions of the Final Site Plan Approval. Mr. Rosas explained that while the department felt that such valves would be helpful in order to allow either the gas station or main store to continue to receive water in case of a problem, rather than both being shut down, further review showed that this is not a requirement of MDEQ. Further, Meijer has requested that it not be required to install such valves. Discussion was held among the Commission and the Superintendent. The Chair called for a motion to remove this condition to the Final Site Plan Approval. As none was heard, the condition remains in force.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None heard.

REPORTS

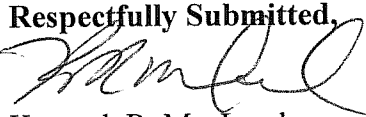
The representative from the Township Board, Mr. Putnam, reported to the Commission that the board is preparing to take action on the Lot Coverage Chart prepared by the Township Planner. At this time, it is not believed that this chart will be returned to the Commission.

The representative of the Zoning Board of Appeals had no information to report.

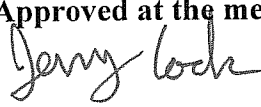
Moved by Wilson, **supported** by Cook, to adjourn at 8:11 p.m.

Motion carried by voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,


Kenneth R. MacLeod
Recording Secretary

Approved at the meeting held


Jerry Cook
Secretary

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