

**Birch Run Township  
Planning Commission  
Meeting Minutes**

Regular Meeting

January 24, 2005

**Members Present**

Dennis Bronner (absent)  
Bob Scharrer  
Alan Hunter  
Diane Timmons

Jeff Putnam  
James Totten  
Wyn Wilson

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The planning commission meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairman Al Hunter. A quorum was present. There were no members in the audience.

Minutes of the **December 7, 2004** special meeting were reviewed and approved on a motion by Putnam and supported by Wilson. Motion passed.

The **purpose** of this meeting is to:

1. Discuss the effective date of the new Zoning Ordinance
2. Set the 2005-2006 schedule for Planning Commission Meetings
3. Hear the report from the Township Board Representative
4. Discuss Preapplication Conferences for new township development
5. Discuss the Dixie Motor Speedway request letter
6. Discuss updates to the Master Plan resulting from Zoning Ordinance changes

**Zoning Ordinance** – The new Zoning Ordinance was adopted on 12/14/04 by resolution of the Board of Trustees, published on 12/29/04 in the Birch Run Herald. The effective date is 1/28/05. Copies are available in the Township Office.

**Planning Commission Meeting Schedule for 2005-2006**

Dates for future monthly Planning Commission meetings were set and approved on a motion by Wilson and supported by Totten. All approved. The all Monday dates are:

March 28, 2005

April 25, 2005

May 23, 2005

June 27, 2005

July 25, 2005

August 22, 2005

September 26, 2005

October 24, 2005

November 28, 2005

December 19, 2005

January 23, 2006

February 27, 2006

March 27, 2006

**Township Board Rep Report** – Jeff Putnam reported on the ongoing water supply meetings with the City of Saginaw. He said they are trying to talk the city into a lower additional hook-up fee for private homes from \$2K down to \$1K. He also reported that Meijer had a private meeting with Saginaw and came to an agreement regarding milage that will probably end up adding to their total milage.

**Preapplication Conferences** – The Township Board of Trustees discussed Resolution No. 2005-1 to allow Preapplication Conferences in connection with Site Plan Reviews. This would be of great help to Planning Commission members when very large development site plans are being considered.

**Dixie Motor Speedway** – A letter from Mike Kern requesting additional non-season track test dates was discussed. Al Hunter went over Dixie's Special Use Permit 2002-03. The Planning Commission decided there are enough questions about this request that we need to see Mike Kern before further action can be taken.

**Master Plan Updates** – A list of suggested Master Plan updates was handed out. Planning Commission members are asked to go over the update list and compare it to the Master Plan for completeness. Will be discussed at the next regular meeting.

**Future Meetings:**

The next regular meeting is set for Monday, March 28, 2005.

**All in favor to Adjourn** at 7:44 pm with a motion by Wilson, seconded by Scharrer.

Submitted: Diane Timmons, Secretary



Approved: 2/28/05