

**Birch Run Township
Planning Commission
Meeting Minutes**

Regular Meeting

September 27, 2004

Members Present

Dennis Bronner (absent)	Jeff Putnam
Bob Scharrer	James Totten
Alan Hunter	Wyn Wilson
Diane Timmons	

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

Minutes of the **August 11, 2004** special meeting were reviewed and approved on a motion by Putnam and supported by Totten. Motion passed.

Minutes of the **August 31, 2004** special joint meeting were reviewed, amended and approved on a motion by Putnam and supported Wilson. Motion passed.

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

1. Hear a request (#2004-07) from Michael Kern of Dixie Motor Speedway for Site Plan approval for a storage building, pavilion, future seating & parking lot lighting for the Speedway property at 10945 Dixie Highway, described in the application for the approval.
2. Conduct a Site Plan review for the project.

Attending this meeting:

- Mike Kern, owner
- Bill Nelson

Site Plan Review

After questions from the Planning Commission, the site drawings were discussed. Items of note are:

- The parcel is zoned B-2
- The lighting, within restrictions, is a by right item
- Chairman Hunter noted that future seating cannot be approved unless a detailed parking plan is submitted with the drawings.

The Planning Commission approved the **Site Plan** for Dixie Motor Speedway. Jeff Putnam moved to approve Site Plan Request #2004-07 for the property at 10945 Dixie Hwy **limited to** the storage building and the hospitality pavilion. The motion was seconded by Scharrer. Approved 5-1 with Wilson voting no.

Other Business

The Planning Commission scheduled a Site Plan Review for the **Forwards Corp.** for October 13, 2004.

The Planning Commission scheduled a Public Hearing on October 21, 2004 for the purpose of hearing comment on the revised **Article 5, Special Land Uses** of the Zoning Ordinance Draft which has substantive changes.

Putnam gave a report from the Township Trustees. On the subject of a water agreement for Birch Run city and township, it appears some softening of the demands by Saginaw County could mean an acceptable agreement could be reached in the foreseeable future.

Future Meetings:

Wednesday, October 13, 2004, Forwards Corp. Site Plan review.

Thursday, October 21, 2004, Public Hearing.

The next regular meeting is set for November 22, 2004 with plans to recommend that the Township Trustees adopt the new Zoning Ordinances.

All in favor to Adjourn at 8:10 pm with a motion by Scharrer, seconded by Totten.

Submitted: Diane Timmons, Secretary *Diane Timmons*

Approved: 10-13-04