

## **BYRON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION**

### **SPECIAL MEETING**

JUNE 3, 2003

5:00PM

### MINUTES

#### **CALL TO ORDER, ATTENDANCE**

Chairman Seymour Gould called a special meeting of the Byron Township Planning Commission to order at 5:00 pm. on June 3, 2003, at the Byron Township Offices, 8085 Byron Center Ave. SW, Byron Center, Mi 49315

Commission member present were: Seymour Gould, Bernie Schuitema, Dutch Zeinstra, Jeff Gritter, John Stone and Maynard Van Singel. Absent: Tim Slot and Township Planner Larry Nix.

#### **SITE PLAN**

A motion was made by Mr. Zeinstra, supported by Mr. Schuitema that the following site plan be approved as presented showing parking for 14 vehicles. Attached and made part of these minutes is the Township Planners recommendations dated June 2, 2003.

**Site Plan 03-04: JDK Auto Sales** - site plan showing parking for 14 vehicles.

Yes - 6. No - 0. Absent - 1. Motion Carried.

#### **Set Public Hearing – Miedema Auctioneering & Appraisals, Inc.**

An application for Special Use for the property located at 601 Gordon Industrial Dr. (tabled from the May 19, 2003 meeting).

Chairman Gould stated that this was tabled due to many unanswered questions concerning the site plan.

Mr. Sid Miedema was present to answer any questions that the commission members had. He explained what he wants to do at this location. He stated that he would like to hold occasional auctions on the site when needed. Most of the auctions are of the commercial nature. He also stated that there are 20 full time people employed in his office. They also conduct on-line auctions. The items listed on the on-line auction will be stored at this location and will be available for the public to see. Probably the only auctions that will be held on the site would be bank repossession or a business that has closed and they have their equipment for sale. The retail sales would be done inside and

out. For instance the bank can not sale anything from their site, nor can they sell on-line so a location like this would be needed. Remember that this happens very rarely. Most of these items can be stored inside and the auction held inside. But at times we get items too large to be put inside. In regards to parking, he did not feel that would be a problem at all. Auction held on site usually are small, items that are not of interest to a lot of people. But in case a large auction is expected there is 8 ½ acres that could be used for parking. He also stated that over 95% of the auctions they conduct are held elsewhere. The hours of operation would be week days, an occasional Saturday, and closed on Sunday's.

Gritter asked about the items that are not sold, what happens to them?

Mr. Miedema stated that those items would probably sit there until the next auction, or hauled away. Some items sit on the property longer than others. Smaller items will be stored inside, but items like cars, boats, etc. would be outdoors.

After some additional discussion a motion was made by Mr. Schuitema, supported by Mr, Gritter that a public hearing be set for the next regular meeting to be held on June 16, 2003.

Yes - 6. No - 0. Absent - 1. Motion Carried.

### **Miscellaneous**

Chairman Gould stated that the Board of Appeals would like the Planning Commission to look into the height ordinance for accessory buildings and the Township sign ordinance.

After some discussion it was decided to hold a special work session on Tuesday, June 24, 2003 at 5:00pm.

### **Adjournment**

5:30pm. A motion was made by Mr. Zeinstra supported by Mr. Stone that the meeting be adjourned.

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Bernie Schuitema  
Planning Commission Secretary