

BYRON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

SPECIAL MEETING

November 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 November 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, Maynard Van Singel and Tim Slot. Also present were Township Planner Larry Nix, Brian Wegener and Township Attorney H. James Telman.

Absent: John Stone

The Commission began discussion regarding the draft landscape regulations presented by Larry Nix and Brian Wegener. Mr. Nix indicated any requirements proposed in subdivisions adjacent to a road will need to be consistent with the requirements of the Kent County Road Commission standards.

All Commissioners supported landscape standards that were designed to enhance the community without placing an undue burden on the applicant. Commissioners discussed several examples of existing good and bad landscape design. The idea of tree lined subdivision streets appealed to the Commissioners and landscaping including trees and shrubs was desirable at property lines in commercial and industrial areas.

Mr. Nix and Brian Wegener were directed to draft landscape regulations for the Commission to review and comment on by the November 17th Planning Commission meeting.

Adjournment

6:15 p.m.

Bernie Schuitema
Planning Commission Secretary