

BYRON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

January 6, 2005

SPECIAL MEETING

5:00pm

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER, ATTENDANCE & PRAYER

Chairman Seymour Gould called the special meeting of the Byron Township Planning Commission to order at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 6, 2005, at the Byron Township Offices, 8085 Byron Center Avenue, SW Byron Center, Michigan 49315.

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

Chairman Gould welcomed Jim Brown as the new Township Attorney. Chairman Gould then asked Larry Nix to present the material regarding the Master Plan proposal.

Mr. Nix explained the primary reasons for updating this Master Plan stemmed from the opening of M-6, improvements to Byron Center Ave., Goose Creek Sewer, and overall growth pressure. The proposed Master Plan process includes the formation of an Advisory Committee to work with the Planning Commission, distribution of a community opinion survey to all property owners, an open house and a formal futuring session. Planning Commission members were supportive of the proposed process and desired to have the Byron Center area to receive special attention since many changes are impacting this business area.

Several changes were requested of the proposed work plan plus a desire to review the proposed budget and time frame. Mr. Nix was requested to revise the work plan and include the budget and time frame for consideration at the January 17, 2005 Planning Commission meeting.

Planning Commission members and Mr. Brown discussed general zoning issues such as motions, rezoning's, special uses, civil infractions and resolutions. No decisions were made, only general information provided.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:45pm.

Bernie Schuitema
Planning Commission Secretary