

BYRON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

May 18, 2009

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER, ATTENDANCE & PRAYER

Chairman Jeff Gritter called a regular meeting of the Byron Township Planning Commission to order at 7:00 p.m., on Monday, May 18, 2009, at the Byron Township Offices, 8085 Byron Center Avenue SW, Byron Center, Michigan 49315.

Commission members present were: Jeff Gritter, Tim Slot, Steve Kilgore, John Stone, James Faber, Mike Marshall, and Timothy Newhouse. Also present was Byron Township Building Inspector Randy Zomerlei and Recording Secretary LaVonne Kuiper.

Prayer was offered by Tim Slot.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Stone supported by Faber to approve the April 20, 2009 minutes as presented.

Yes - 6. No - 0. Abstained - 1. (Newhouse absent from the April meeting).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were made.

BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT

The Building Inspector's report was provided to the Commissioners and will be placed on file.

SITE PLANS

Chairman Gritter stated that there were no site plans submitted.

To Set Public Hearing – InSpirit Church requesting a special use request to occupy building space located in a D-1 zoning district for a church and worship center for the property located at 400 – 76th St., Suite 11.

Chairman Gritter commented the applicant has submitted all the required paper work and the fees have been paid and suggested to set this public hearing for the June meeting.

A motion was made by Slot supported by Newhouse to set the public hearing for June 15, 2009 All voted aye. Motion carried.

JUST PROPERTIES LLC (RIC JOHNSTON) – to rezone property located at 7164 Clyde Park Avenue SW (a portion of) and 7160 Clyde Park Avenue SW from R-U Urban Residential to D-1, Industrial. (tabled at the January 21, 2008 meeting)

Chairman Jeff Gritter commented that this rezoning application can remain on the table.

Miscellaneous

>Township Board report

Tim Slot had nothing to report.

>Zoning Board of Appeals report

Tim Newhouse reported that the Board of Appeals did meet in April and they had a variance request from Byron Meats regarding their signage. They were requesting two variances. One was for a 10 sq ft., wall sign area variance and the other was for a variance to have an electronic changeable copy sign on the face of the east wall of the existing building which is located in a B-1 Zoning District. Both variances were granted with no discussion from the Board of Appeals members.

>**Chairman Gritter** stated that it has been brought to his attention a desire to change our meeting time to 6:30 p.m. instead of 7:00 p.m. It was the consensus of the commission members to seek approval from the Township Board for their opinion and approval. Board member Tim Slot stated he would present it to the Board for their consideration.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Slot supported by Faber to adjourn the meeting.
Yes - 7. No - 0. Motion Carried.

Timothy Newhouse, Secretary
Byron Township Planning Commission