

WRIGHT TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 24, 2014 – 7:30 P.M.

1. Meeting was called to order by Commissioner Dausman, at 7:30 P.M.
2. No parking in the Fire Department spaces was announced.
3. No additions to the Agenda.
4. There were no comments for items not on the Agenda.
5. Regarding the Berlin Site Plan, Commissioner Karr brought attention to the fact that a few details of the site were missing and mislabeled. He provided a Google Earth view of the site the applicant to reference.

Commissioner Ruwersma noticed a semi-trailer on the west lot line and wanted to know if it belonged to the raceway. She was told that it belongs to the neighboring property.

Commissioner Karr mentioned that because of the height that the structure, there might be a privacy issue with the neighbors. But after physically looking, he could see that it would not.

Commissioner Dausman asked the Planner (Greg Ransford) about the memo from the Fire Chief (copy attached). Greg stated that the Fire Chief is comfortable with what has been submitted. That everything complies with the International Fire Codes, as well as anything the chief requires. Fire Chief Gavin, who also was present, stated that our equipment would not reach the suites, but Walker Fire Department has been consulted and has agreed to respond on first alarm.

Commissioner Dausman asked the public if they had anything they wanted to comment on. Mr. Kevin Eidson, President / Architect for WLP Associates commented that there will be a water tank for fire suppression. Also the building itself complies with Michigan building codes, and that it was going to be a good looking building that would be an asset to the community.

The elevator was discussed and Jim Simon, with Tailored Buildings, commented that the pit will have a sump pump and oil separator to prevent pollution.

Commissioner Ruwersma wanted to make sure all the trees were staying. Mr. Eidson told her they were all staying. The Commissioners felt there was no need for more.

There was discussion regarding fencing around the structure's angles that were low to the ground and could be climbed by small children, or walked into.

Commissioner Gray questioned noise level. He was told the noise level is monitored by race officials and periodically tested by township officials.

Commissioner Dausman talked about the height of the building and stated that it would be up to the Board of Trustees to approve the height.

Commissioner VanDyke moved that we approve the Berlin Raceway Site Plan with the following conditions:

1. Raceway must accommodate the Fire Departments requirements.
2. The Water suppression tank must be shown.

3. The sump pump / separator be shown.
4. Fencing protection around the angle supports of the building be shown.
5. Labels for exhibition areas need to be corrected.
6. Existing structures and traffic islands be correctly shown.
7. Existing landscaping is to be maintained, with no additional required.
8. Wright Township Board of Trustees is to approve the height, because it exceeds the existing restrictions.

Commissioner Ruwersma supported and the motion was carried.

No Commission member concerns on other topics.

No WTB communications.

Commissioner Gray motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 P.M., Commissioner VanDyke supported and motion was carried.

Respectfully submitted by,

Theresa Frank, Wright Township Clerk, recorder for the Planning Commission