



ZONING BOARD MINUTES OF MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 8, 2000

A special meeting of the Charter Township of Texas Zoning Board was held on Tuesday, February 8, 2000 commencing at 7:00 p.m. at the Texas Township Hall. Members present:: Steve Bosch, Chairman George Sprau, Barbara Huber, Bryan Lewis, Suzzette Deaux, Tom Hamming, Steve Woollam. Members absent: None. Township Supervisor Ron Commissaris, Treasurer Joyce Neubauer, Clerk Linda Kerr, Trustees Don Boven, Richard Craven and Tom Dykstra, Building Official Bruce Derby, Zoning Administrator Jeff Mais, Planning Consultant Jay Kilpatrick, Attorney Lynda Thomsen, and approximately 30 interested persons were also present.

1. **CALL TO ORDER and ROLL CALL**

Chairman Bosch called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00 p.m. Roll was called with the results shown above.

2. **SET AGENDA**

Chairman Bosch reviewed the agenda. There were no changes.

3. **SPECIAL EXCEPTION USE: Bronson Healthcare Group**

Item No. ZB00-104

Property: Unit 1, KVCC Education and Office Park

Request: Approval of Bronson lifestyle improvement and research center, including portions thereof used for general business, professional administrative offices, and medical offices and clinics, limited to those relating to research.

Chairman Bosch explained the procedure for Special Exception Use permits. Attorney Michael Chojnowski then addressed the Zoning Board on behalf of the applicant.

Mr. Chojnowski informed the Zoning Board that KVCC, his client in previous matters before the Board, authorized him to represent Bronson in this matter. He read to the Board from Sections 8.171, 8.173, and 9.83 of the Zoning Ordinance. The proposal is for a combination of permitted and special exception uses. The project has been generally welcomed and supported by neighbors and businesses in the community.

John Dixon, Vice President for Business Development of Bronson, stated that the project is an integrated project that is research based. Programs will include a regional center for outpatient rehab (a facility currently located at Crosstown Parkway, that will be relocated to this site in Texas Township). The project will provide wellness training and professional training. Bronson currently works with many colleges, including Andrews University, Northern Michigan, Central Michigan, Western Michigan, University of Michigan at Flint, and others, to provide training for physical therapists, occupational therapists, and speech pathologists. This facility will be a site for training such persons. The project will also include a membership-based fitness facility for rehabilitation and maintenance. The whole facility will be used for research to understand the correlation between health problems and rehabilitation and the cost of doing business. He stated that a letter has been provided to the Zoning Board from the W. E. Upjohn Institute expressing their interest in working with this facility in that regard.

Dr. Susan Olson, coordinator of the Center for Community Research at Bronson, told the Board that Bronson has been doing research for a number of years with PNU and others. There are currently 161 studies underway. This facility is to be a "living laboratory" with goals of supporting overall health, wellness