

**TOWNSHIP OF BIRCH RUN  
SAGINAW COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

**Resolution to Approve P.A. 116 Farmland Preservation Applications**

**Resolution #2024-08**

At a Regular Meeting of the Birch Run Township Board, Township of Birch Run, Saginaw County, Michigan, held at the Township Meeting Room on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of March 2024, at 7 o'clock Eastern Standard Time.

PRESENT: Watts, K. Kiessling, Letterman, Sheridan, D. Trinklein, R. Kiessling, C. Trinklein,

The following resolution was made by R. Kiessling and seconded by Sheridan.

**WHEREAS**, the Michigan Farmland and Open Space Preservation Act (Public Act 116 of 1974) provides for the preservation of farmland and open space through voluntary agreements between landowners and the State of Michigan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Birch Run Township Board recognizes the importance of preserving farmland within the township to maintain the rural character and agricultural heritage of our community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Board has received applications from six landowners seeking to enter into P.A. 116 agreements for the preservation of farmland located on the following tax parcels:

1. #05-10-6-18-3002-000 – Morse, Donald J. & Helen M.
2. #05-10-6-19-2002-000 – Morse, Donald J. & Helen M.
3. #05-10-6-19-2003-000 – Morse, Donald J. & Helen M.
4. #05-10-6-19-2002-001 – Morse, Donald J. & Helen M.
5. #05-10-6-32-3003-000 – Morse, Donald J. & Helen M.
6. #05-10-6-33-1006-002 – Morse, Donald J. & Helen M.

**WHEREAS**, the Birch Run Township Board has reviewed the applications and finds that the proposed agreements are consistent with the goals of preserving agricultural land and open space within the township; and

**WHEREAS**, the Birch Run Township Board has also considered reviews and recommendations provided by the Saginaw Soil Conservation District and the Saginaw County Controller's Office regarding the P.A. 116 applications, recognizing their expertise and insights as valuable components in the evaluation process; and

**WHEREAS**, the Birch Run Township Board appreciates the collaborative efforts and contributions of these agencies in guiding responsible land use and preservation within Saginaw County; and

**WHEREAS**, the approval of these applications will contribute to the long-term sustainability and viability of agriculture in Birch Run Township.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Birch Run Township Board hereby approves the P.A. 116 Farmland Preservation applications for the six tax parcels listed above and authorizes the Township Supervisor and Township Clerk to sign any necessary documents on behalf of the township to facilitate the acceptance of these applications by the Michigan Department of Agriculture & Rural Development.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this resolution, along with the approved applications, shall be forwarded to the Michigan Department of Agriculture & Rural Development for final processing and inclusion in the P.A. 116 Farmland Preservation Program.

The foregoing resolution was duly adopted at a regular meeting of the Birch Run Township Board held on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of March 2024.

YEAS: Watts, K. Kiessling, Letterman, Sheridan, D. Trinklein Jr., R. Kiessling, C. Trinklein,

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

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Ray Letterman, Township Supervisor

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Riley Kiessling, Township Clerk