

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

Resolution to Approve P.A. 116 Farmland Preservation Applications

Resolution #2024-09

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 9th day of April 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 D. Trinklein Jr.

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 two landowners seeking to enter into P.A. 116 agreements for the preservation of farmland located on the following tax parcels:

1. #05-10-6-13-1001-000 – Kenneth R. Haubenstricker
2. #05-10-6-15-1003-003 – Jane L. VanWormer

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 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 that agency 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 two 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 9th day of April 2024.

YEAS: Watts, K. Kiessling, Letterman, Sheridan, D. Trinklein Jr., R. Kiessling, C. Trinklein,
NAYS: None

Ray Letterman, Township Supervisor

Riley Kiessling, Township Clerk

CERTIFICATION

ADOPTED

YEAS: Watts, K. Kiessling, Letterman, Sheridan, D. Trinklein Jr., R. Kiessling, C. Trinklein,
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

State of Michigan, County of Saginaw,

I, the undersigned Township Clerk for the Township of Birch Run, Saginaw County, Michigan, certify that the above Resolution adopted by the Township Board of Trustees of the Township of Birch Run on the 9th day of April 2024, and was recorded in full in the Minutes of the Meeting of the Township Board of Trustees on said date.

Dated: [4.15.2024]

Riley Kiessling, Clerk

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