

**Birch Run Township
Planning Commission
Minutes**

Special Meeting

5 Dec 2001

Members Present

Jaime Trevino	
Bob Scharrer (abs)	Jeff Putnam (abs)
David Hinds (abs)	James Totten
Alan Hunter	Wyn Wilson

Meeting called to order by Chairman Al Hunter at 7:00 PM.

Brent Savident of Rowe, Inc. was present to conduct a workshop on developing a new Master Plan. This was the second workshop in a series.

There were no members present in the audience.

Points of Discussion:

Population information and housing values had not yet been released for Michigan.

Natural Features - no change.

Soil Maps - colors on chart need to be changed for clarity.

PA 116 of 1978 has changed from 10 years to 7 years.

Water booster pumps need upgrading at north township limits.

Changes to be considered:

Land Use Objectives

Protect environmentally sensitive areas and agricultural land.

Industrial Development Objectives:

Encourage high density development of one or two Industrial Parks: target this area as the primary focus for new and expanding job development.

Identify and reserve land for future industrial growth in planned business park settings with access to major roads and appropriate buffering from residential areas.

Commercial Development Objectives:

Development strict zoning regulations and design guidelines that permit , when appropriate, neighborhood-scaled commercial uses adjacent to residential areas.

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Commercial Development Objectives (con't)

Expand local retail business and services in locations that primarily serve local residents.

Next Meeting scheduled for Jan 23, 2002 at 7 PM. to continue Master Plan development.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted:


Alan J Hunter
Chairman

Approved:

1-28-02