

Birch Run Township Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

January 10, 2013

Called to order at 7 pm by Chair Bill Nelson

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call of Commissioners Present : Elaine Parlberg, CJ Norris, Helen Morse, Fred Sheridan, Bill Nelson

Commissioners Absent: Steve Schaar, excused

Motion to address absentee: Fred Sheridan a motion to excuse Steve and Helen second.

Motion made by Fred to approve CJ second

unanimous passed Dec 17, 2012 meeting minutes

Public Hearing:

Gordon Shores of Birch Run requesting approval of a "Special Use Permit" to operate a religious facility. 11965 Gera Rd, Birch Run, MI 48415

Public Hearing opened at 7:04 pm

3000 sf currently on a 6 mo lease to be renewed every 6 mo... allowing the church to grow and to move hopefully to a bigger spot.

Special land use Section 506 : intent and purpose of the ordinance none

A-3 harmonious use of existing use

- one bathroom needs to be updated to include handicap accessible

Sufficient parking see site plan 42

- shared lot with the Putt-Putt business establishment and no issue has been brought to our attention

a-6 – Public facility with major highway access ...

Trash removal surrounding building

Written plan of traffic flow exiting unto M-83

Include a written agreement of shared parking plan with existing putt putt golf business.

Upgrade lighting -1804 provision met

Parking lines to be in place by May 1, 2013 - to allow extra parking overflow

Seconded by Helen M

Passed unanimous

Unfinished Business

Update on Temporary Dwelling placement : tabled until next meeting

Update on status of Caretaker Residence: Helen, Bill, Fred formed as a committee to set a direction of an ordinance obtaining an annual permit from attending physicians for aging parents, or other aging relatives for the special use of mobile homes will report at next meeting. Next meeting will bring recommendation of a form format- to set forth criteria with an application. Also a recommendation to include a means of enforcement on an annual basis to meet all state and federal regulations.

Review of Private Roads: Committee will report at next meeting

Update on Outdoor furnaces: Section 5 A : change a planned unit development within Birch Run Twp.

Added section E : An outdoor furnace shall have a permanent chimney equipped with a spark arrestor which extends above the ground surface of at least 2 feet higher than the highest roof peak, within ten feet, of the outdoor furnace. In specific cases, based on the lay of the land surrounding structures and the current code requirements the inspector may require a higher chimney and 65 feet from a neighbor's house.

Compliance with all manufacturing requirements to be met .

Section 5F, 5G not to be changed.

Motion made by Fred to accept proposed changes to accept the changes permitting outdoor furnaces as written, CJ seconded the motion . Passed unanimous.

Update on status of Wind Turbines, Outdoor Restaurant , Adult Entertainment: Recommendation made to the Twp. board March 19, 2012 from planning commission of all 3 ordinances of wind turbines and outdoor restaurant facilities and adult entertainment with additional needed proposal of refinement of the adult entertainment wording into a correct consistent format.

Open Discussion: Limiting meeting time within a 2 hour limits.

Reports:

TBR Fred:

ZBA Elaine:

New Business:

Vice Chairman: Helen makes a motion for CJ to be vice chair Fred second
Passed Unanimous

Announcements : March 18, 2013 next meeting

Motion by Fred to adjourn the meeting Elaine seconded .

Adjournment at 9:40 pm