



**Birch Run Township Planning Commission**  
**Special Meeting Minutes**  
*May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023*  
*11935 Silver Creek Dr., Birch Run, Michigan 48415*

Call to Order of Meeting:

Chairman C.J. Norris called the May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023, Special Meeting of the Birch Run Township Planning Commission to order at 19:02 with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present:

C.J. Norris, Chair; Mike Marr, Vice-Chair; Mike Musial, Secretary; Keith Jewell & Stacy Kue, Members.

Members Absent: Fred Sheridan & Ed Munson, Members.

Motion by Marr seconded by Kue to excuse Fred Sheridan and Ed Munson from the meeting.  
Motion PASSED by majority voice vote.

Others Present:

Thirteen (13) people were in the audience. Also present were Adam Flory, Township Attorney; Gretchen Nielsen, Zoning Administrator; Riley Kiessling, Recording Secretary; Kurt Kiessling, Trustee.

Agenda:

Motion by Marr seconded by Musial to approve the May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023, Special Meeting Agenda as presented.  
Motion PASSED by majority voice vote.

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

Yet to be approved: April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Election of Officers:

To be done at first meeting of 2024.

Old Business:

**Justin & Alyssa Kidd – Event Barn**

Discussion was held by PCB regarding the proposed use within the confines of the Ordinance.

Motion by Marr seconded by Kue to approve a Special Land Use Permit for a Wedding/Event Barn located at 12847 Rathbun Rd with the following conditions: <sup>1</sup>A privacy fence to be constructed to a minimum height of 6', beginning at the front of the barn (South end) and extending approx. 320 ft to the North of the property, on the East side of said property in order to protect the privacy of both the neighbors and clients of the wedding barn; <sup>2</sup>No work begins until a set of professional drawings are submitted and the site plan is approved, as per the Zoning Ordinance; <sup>3</sup>Applicant submits, in writing to the Clerk, acceptance of the SLUP within 30 days from the meeting.

Yeas: Marr, Norris, Kue, Musial

Nays: Jewell

Motion PASSED by majority roll call vote.

\*Notes No Site Plan was approved at this meeting

\*\*SLUP goes to the property, not the owners.

\*\*\*PCB can decline a SLUP (Property Right) under certain circumstances.

New Business:

None

Public Comment: 19:36 – 20:03

Public Comment was held.

Don Roseberry  
Chris Woizeschke  
Matt Ford  
Carolyn Roseberry  
Jacob OBrien  
Linda Haubenstricker  
Jeff Rowley

Reports:

Township Board Representative (*Fred Sheridan*):

None

Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) Rep. (*Mike Marr*):

None

Zoning Administrator (*Gretchen Nielsen*):

None

Other:

-Inquiry by PCB on whether Stoneyard has the driveway permit from the State; Township has received language from EGLE, nothing from MDOT.

Adjournment:

Motion by Marr seconded by Kue to adjourn at 20:05

Motion passed by majority voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted by:

*Recording Secretary, Riley Kiessling*

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Mike Musial

Planning Commission Secretary