

**BIRCH RUN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 10, 2002**

Supervisor Earl Schlegel called the September Regular Meeting of Birch Run Township Board to order at 7:00 P.M. Also present for the board were Amy Cook, Clerk, Debbie Trevino, Treasurer, Dave Stewart, Ed Magnus, Jeff Putnam, and Joanne Strahm, Trustees. Approximately fifteen (15) people were in the audience.

July Special Meeting Minutes were discussed and approved.

Motion by Ed Magnus supported by Debbie Trevino to approve the July Special Meeting Minutes

Motion carried 4-0-2 Jeff Putnam and Dave Stewart abstained.

August Regular Minutes were discussed and approved.

Motion by Dave Stewart supported by Jeff Putnam to approve August Meeting Minutes.

Motion carried 5-0-1. Amy Cook abstained

Motion by Ed Magnus supported by Jeff Putnam to approve September invoices of \$78,147.02

Motion carried 7-0

Public Comments: 7:07-7:07

Motion by Dave Stewart supported by Jeff Putnam to authorize Earl to contact Genesee County and to obtain the name of the engineering firm that they contract. Then, he can get a preliminary cost estimate up to \$1,500 of running water lines to Birch Run. The \$1,500 would be withdrawn from the Water CD.

Motion carried 7-0

Motion by Dave Stewart supported by Jeff Putnam to appoint Mike Marr to the Birch Run DDA for a four-year term.

Motion carried 7-0

Motion by Dave Stewart supported by Ed Magnus to waive the park rental fee for the Birch Run/Taymouth Jaycees, so they can have a free pumpkin roll on Saturday October 12th.

Motion carried 7-0

Motion by Ed Magnus supported by Jeff Putnam to donate \$250 for the Jaycee Pumpkin roll at the Birch Run Park.

Motion carried 7-0

Motion by Dave Stewart supported by Ed Magnus to approve the language changes for a minor body of water, Section: 1614 (15)(E)(4). The change will read: "Where

the water body is determined by the Planning Commission to be a public hazard, the water body shall be enclosed by a fence, that includes a gate that can be locked, and is not less than four (4) nor more than six (6) feet in height....”

Motion carried 7-0

Motion by Dave Stewart supported by Amy Cook to approve the language changes for a Temporary Permits for Occupation of a Mobile Home by Aged Relative(s). The change will read: “a mobile home that is proposed to be used as living quarters for an aged relative or relatives, may be provided by the aged relative’s children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, niece or nephew.”

Motion carried 7-0

Motion by Dave Stewart supported by Debbie Trevino to add to section 202 the definition of a Large Animal-“Large Animal means Horses, Ponies, Cows or other animals whose weight is generally in excess of 150 pounds.” Also this would add a new section to section 315: Conditions for Keeping Large Animals:”

1. It shall be unlawful for any person to allow a horse, pony or other large animal in his possession or control to run at large in the township; and such horse, pony or other large animal shall be confined and secured in an area subject to the following conditions:
 - A. A minimum of three (3) acres of land shall be provided for the first horse; pony or large animal owned or possessed by any person residing in the township, and two (2) additional acres of land shall be provided for each additional horse, pony or large animal.
 - B. Stables, feeding areas and other confinement areas shall be located at least 150 feet from neighboring residences; except that grazing shall be permitted within 50 feet of a neighboring residence.
 - C. Manure or offal from stables shall be located at least 150 feet from any property boundary line and shall not create any obnoxious condition. The determination by the township building inspector that an obnoxious condition exists, shall be prima facia evidence of the existence of such fact.
 - D. No electric fencing which exceeds 12 volts shall be permitted on any premises.”

Motion carried 6-1. Jeff Putnam voted no.

Motion by Ed Magnus supported by Jeff Putnam to contract Pries Construction for court ordered clean ups within the township.

Motion carried 7-0

Motion by Dave Stewart supported by Jeff Putnam to authorize Earl to purchase two new picnic tables and fix the broken playground equipment for the Township Park.

Motion carried 7-0

Motion by Joanne Strahm supported by Debbie Trevino to adjourn at 8:43 PM
Motion carried 7-0

Amy Cook
Township Clerk