

# **Birch Run Township Planning Commission Minutes**

**Special Meeting**

**28 Apr 2003**

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## **Members Present**

Dennis Bronner  
Bob Scharrer (abs)  
Alan Hunter  
Diane Timmons

Jeff Putnam (abs)  
James Totten (abs)  
Wyn Wilson

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The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Al Hunter.

A quorum was present.

2 members of the public were in the audience; Dale Muefield and Will Swartz. Mike Setzer, zoning administrator was also present.

Minutes of 24 Mar 2003 were reviewed and approved on a motion by Timmons supported by Wilson. Motion passed: 4 - 0 - 0

Chairman Hunter opened Public Hearing to hear & receive comments on proposed text amendment to the Zoning Ordinance, Section 1614(10)(B)(1) at 7:05 PM. No public comment given.

Public Hearing was closed and return to special meeting at 7:10 PM.

Motion by Bronner supported by Wilson to adopt the proposed text change amendment to Section 1614(10)(B)(1). Motion passed: 4 - 0 - 0

Public Hearing opened to hear & receive comments on proposed amendment to the zoning ordinance to create new Zoning District; "R-4 Residential District (Mobile Home Parks)" at 7:13 PM. No public comment given.

Public Hearing was closed and return to special meeting at 7:14 PM.

Motion by Wilson supported by Bronner to adopt the proposed zoning ordinance amendment to create a new zoning district; R-4 Residential District (Mobile Home Parks).

Motion passed: 4 - 0 - 0.

Public Hearing opened to hear and receive comments on proposed new Sign Ordinance at 7:22 PM. Zoning Administrator Mike Setzer gave a presentation on the proposed ordinance. Both members in the audience had a number of questions about the ordinance, as did some of the Planning Commission members. Mike Setzer responded to the questions and discussion took about an hour.

Public Hearing was closed and return to special meeting at 8:23 PM.

Members of the Planning Commission then discussed the proposed sign ordinance and expressed their viewpoints. Comments and questions about performance bonds, appeal

processes, the differences between zoning ordinances and police power ordinances, the effect of not having signs regulated in the zoning ordinance, and the effect of the ZBA not having jurisdiction over appeals.

No recommendation or motion from the Planning Commission regarding the proposed Sign Ordinance as the Commission has no jurisdiction over police power ordinances.

No report from Township Board representative.

No report from Zoning Board of Appeals representative.

Chairman Hunter announced that

Wyn Wilson was appointed to another term on the Planning Commission;  
Meeting Compensation for members has been increased from \$30 to \$50;  
and that the Annual Report had been submitted to the Twp Bd.

Wyn Wilson announced that he and Diane Timmons attended a training session on planning commission activities and procedures in Fenton on 27 Mar 2003.

Next Regular Meeting scheduled for 19 May 2003 at 7 PM.

Motion to Adjourn by Bronner/ Support by Timmons:      Motion Passed:      4 - 0 - 0.

Submitted:

  
Alan J Hunter  
Chairman

Approved:

5-19-03