



**Birch Run Township Board of Trustees & Planning Commission**  
**Special Joint Meeting Minutes**  
**September 29, 2021**  
**11935 Silver Creek Drive, Birch Run, Michigan 48415**

**Call to Order of Special Joint Meeting:**

Supervisor Ray Letterman called the September 29, 2021 Special Joint Meeting of the Birch Run Township Board of Trustees to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Present for the Township Board of Trustees were Ray Letterman, Supervisor; Corey Trinklein, Clerk (Planning Commission Recording Secretary); Karen Parlberg, Treasurer; Fred Sheridan (Planning Comm. Member), Kurt Kiessling, Dale Trinklein Jr & Chris Watts, Trustees.

Chairman CJ Norris called the September 29, 2021 Special Joint Meeting of the Birch Run Township Planning Commission to order at 7:00 p.m. Present for the Planning Commission were C.J. Norris, Chair; Riley Kiessling, Vice Chair; Mike Marr, Secretary; Keith Jewel & Ed Munson, Members.

Motion by Mike Marr seconded by Riley Kiessling to excuse Planning Commission Member Helen Morse from the September 29, 2021 Special Joint Meeting.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote

Others present were Doug Piggott, ROWE Professional Services and Adam Flory, Township Attorney. Approximately four (4) people were in the audience. Member Helen Morse from the Planning Commission was absent.

**Agenda Approval:**

Motion by Fred Sheridan seconded by Dale Trinklein Jr to approve the September 29, 2021 Special Joint Meeting Agenda as presented.

Yeas: K. Kiessling, Letterman, Sheridan, D. Trinklein Jr, C. Trinklein, Watts

Nays: None

Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote

**Public Comment:** 7:02 p.m. to 7:03 p.m.

Mike Marr – Resident: Commented that he has picked up 1,300 walnuts so far this year.

**New Business:**

The following is an overview of the discussions that took place during the meeting:

Adam Flory gave a presentation regarding recreational, medical and caregiver marijuana ordinance options. First steps are as follows: 1) Where to allow facilities, which zoning districts. 2) Which types of facilities to allow and how many.

Doug Piggott added that the board would want to make sure to do a zoning ordinance and a police powers ordinance at the same time.

Motion by Kurt Kiessling seconded by Dale Trinklein Jr to have the Township Board direct the Planning Commission to broadly look at recreational marijuana licenses that exist and report back to the Township Board.

Yeas: D. Trinklein Jr, K. Kiessling

Nays: Letterman, Parlberg, Sheridan, C. Trinklein, Watts

Motion failed by majority roll call vote

Motion by Fred Sheridan seconded by Ray Letterman to send to the Planning Commission to move forward with looking at drafting an ordinance on recreational marijuana retailers and secure transport.

Yeas: Parlberg, Sheridan, D. Trinklein Jr, C. Trinklein, Watts, K. Kiessling, Letterman

Nays: None

Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote

**Public Comment:** 8:14 p.m. to 8:26 p.m.

Nathan Kark – Director of Government Affairs for Skymint Brands: Commented on information regarding their company and thanked the board for looking into allowing recreational marijuana sales.

Guy Morin – Resident: Commented that one of his concerns is about what happens to a retail store after it closes, is there a bond that can be charged that would be used to clean up the property after it leaves.

Anthony Denha – Real Estate Team for Skymint Brands: Wanted to thank the board for their time and congratulated Doug and Adam on their presentations. The type of establishment would be a ground up development, the investment on construction would be just over two million dollars. So this would be a high-end facility and a flagship store. They will hire local construction to build the facility and hire 15 – 20 employees with benefits.

**Planning Commission Adjournment:**

Motion by Mike Marr seconded by Riley Kiessling to adjourn at 8:27 p.m.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote

**Township Board Adjournment:**

Motion by Fred Sheridan seconded by Dale Trinklein Jr to adjourn at 8:27 p.m.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote

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Corey Trinklein, Clerk

Birch Run Township

Approved: October 12, 2021