

# Birch Run Township

## Planning Commission

### Minutes

Regular Meeting

24 Mar 2003

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#### Members

Dennis Bronner (abs)

Bob Scharrer (abs)

Alan Hunter

Diane Timmons

Jeff Putnam

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.

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

Zoning Administrator Mike Setzer gave an overview of a proposed Sign Ordinance being considered by the Village of Birch Run and recommended for consideration by the Township. After several questions and some discussion, a public hearing was scheduled for 28 Apr 03. A copy of the proposal was provided to each member of the Planning Commission.

Chairman Hunter introduced a sample Noise Ordinance and asked the members to be prepared to discuss it further at the May regular meeting. A copy was provided to each member of the Planning Commission.

Chairman Hunter then introduced a proposed change to the Zoning Ordinance which would create a new land use district designated R-4 Residential (Mobile Home Parks). A public hearing was scheduled for 28 Apr 03. Wyn Wilson commented on visitor parking for mobile home parks. It was decided to address this issue at the public hearing. A copy was provided to each member of the Planning Commission.

Chairman Hunter introduced a proposed text change to the Zoning Ordinance, Section 1614(10)(B)(1), which would establish a reporting requirement for providers of mobile homes for aged relatives. A public hearing was scheduled for 28 Apr 03.

Election of Officers: A slate of officers was approved as follows on a motion by Wilson/Supported by Putnam. Motion passed 4-0-0.

Chairman:	Alan Hunter
Vice chairman:	James Totten
Secretary:	Diane Timmons

Regular Meeting Schedule as established for the next 12 months as follows:

19 May 2003	24 Nov 2003
28 Jul 2003	26 Jan 2004
22 Sep 2003	22 Mar 2004

The Annual Report to the Township Board was presented and reviewed. Chairman Hunter will complete the report and forward it to the Board.

Township Board Representative Jeff Putnam reported that the Township Board was still considering the use of a professional ordinance writer to re-write the Township's Zoning Ordinance.

Zoning Board of Appeals Representative was absent.

Chairman Hunter commented on the zoning of the Totten Lane area. A number of single family homes are zoned commercial and thus are non-conforming uses. This area may need looking into in the future.

Diane Timmons reported that she had completed her work in getting the Zoning Ordinance on compact disk.

Chairman Hunter stated that the Supervisor had appointed Wyn Wilson to serve another 3 year term on the Planning Commission. The appointment is expected to be approved by the Township Board at their April meeting.

Next regular meeting schedule for 19 May, 2003 at 7:00 PM.

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

Meeting Adjourned at 8:10 PM

Submitted:   
Alan J Hunter  
Chairman

Approved: 3-24-03 28 Apr '03