

Birch Run Township

Planning Commission

Regular Meeting Minutes

September 19th, 2011

Chair Diana Kloss opened the Regular Meeting of the Birch Run Township Planning Commission at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Also present for the Commission were Vice Chair, Brenda Weisenberger; Secretary, Jerry Cook, and Commissioners, Dennis Bronner, Bill Nelson, Bob Scharrer, and Patricia Mayer.

Motion by Nelson, supported by Bronner to approve the June 20, 2011 meeting minutes.

Yeas: Mayer, Kloss, Scharrer, Nelson, Bronner, Cook, and Weisenberger

Nays: None

Motion carried

Motion by Bronner supported by Nelson to amend Section 14.20 D (#9) of the Zoning Ordinance per Resolution 2011-01 to say:

"The applicant shall fund an environmental study assessing the potential impact on wildlife. At minimum, the analysis shall include a thorough review of the existing information regarding species and potential habitats in the vicinity, the potential effects on specified list under the federal Endangered Species Act and Michigan's Endangered Species protection Law, and the extent to which the WECF conforms to the "interim Guidance on Avoiding the Minimizing Wildlife Impacts from Wind Turbines: as prepared by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services."

Yeas: Mayer, Kloss, Scharrer, Nelson, Bronner, Cook, and Weisenberger

Nays: None

Motion carried

Motion by Bronner supported by Nelson to initiate amendment to Resolution #01-2011 with the changes made on September 19, 2011 at the Birch Run Township Planning Commission meeting.

Yeas: Mayer, Kloss, Scharrer, Nelson, Bronner, Cook, and Weisenberger

Nays: None

Motion carried

Master Plan Discussion: Complete streets were discussed and no changes were offered at this time. The item will be reviewed again next year.

The Planning Commission reviewed the parking at Around the Farm Antique Mall at the request of the Birch Run Township ZBA and was determined that their parking was sufficient.

Motion by Nelson supported by Mayer to set a public hearing for Resolution 01-2011 on December 19, 2011 at 7:00pm.

Yeas: Mayer, Kloss, Scharrer, Nelson, Bronner, Cook, and Weisenberger

Nays: None

Motion carried

Motion Nelson supported by Bronner to initiate amendment to Zoning Ordinance 14.13 "Adult Entertainment Business."

Yeas: Mayer, Kloss, Scharrer, Nelson, Bronner, Cook, and Weisenberger

Nays: None

Motion carried

Motion by Bronner supported by Nelson to strike the previous motion setting a public hearing for Resolution 01-2011 on December 19, 2011 at 7:00pm.

Yeas: Mayer, Kloss, Scharrer, Nelson, Bronner, Cook, and Weisenberger

Nays: None

Motion carried

Motion by Kloss, supported by Nelson, to adjourn at 8:37pm.

Yeas: Mayer, Kloss, Scharrer, Nelson, Bronner, Cook, and Weisenberger

Nays: None

Motion carried

Planning Commission Secretary

Jerry Cook