

# **Birch Run Township Planning Commission Regular Meeting Minutes May 19, 2008**

Chair Bill Nelson 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 Bill Hoffman, Secretary Jerry Cook, and Commissioners Wyn Wilson and Jeff Putnam. Absent were Commissioners Dennis Bronner and Bob Scharrer. No members of the public were present.

**Moved** by Cook, **supported** by Wilson, to excuse the absent members.

**Yeas:** Wilson, Putnam, Cook, Hoffman, Nelson

**Nays:** none

**Motion Carried**

**Moved** by Cook, **supported** by Hoffman, to approve the Minutes of the May 8, 2008 meeting with the correction of typographical errors.

**Yeas:** Cook, Hoffman, Putnam, Wilson, Nelson

**Nays:** none

**Motion carried**

**OLD BUSINESS:** none heard

**CORRESPONDENCE** was received from the Township Supervisor requesting the Commission keep the number of meetings to the absolute minimum for financial reasons. Mr. Wilson stated for the record "This is a penny-wise, pound-foolish policy. We are a *Planning* Commission, not a *Reacting* Commission." Mr. Putnam expressed agreement with Mr. Wilson's comment.

**REPORTS:** none heard

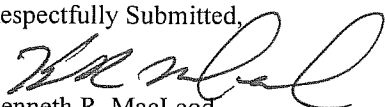
## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Discussion was held regarding outdoor uses for bars and restaurants. It is noted that the Zoning Ordinance does not specifically address this issue. The Commission agreed that further research and planning will be needed to arrive at an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance for outdoor use that can be uniformly applied to all potential enterprises.

**Moved** by Wilson, **supported** by Cook, to adjourn at 7:45 p.m.

**Motion carried by voice vote**

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Kenneth R. MacLeod  
Recording Secretary

Approved at the meeting held 6/16/08

Jerry Cook  
Secretary

