

Birch Run Township Planning Commission Regular Meeting Minutes October 20, 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 Secretary Jerry Cook, and Commissioners Bob Scharrer, Dennis Bronner, and Wyn Wilson. Absent were Vice-Chair Bill Hoffman and Commissioner Jeff Putnam. A quorum was present. Also present was Zoning Administrator Mike Setzer. No members of the public were present.

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

Yeas: Wilson, Cook, Scharrer, Bronner, Nelson

Nays: none

Motion carried

Moved by Scharrer, **supported** by Wilson, to approve the Minutes of the July 21, 2008 meeting as presented.

Yeas: Cook, Bronner, Scharrer, Wilson, Nelson

Nays: none

Motion carried

Moved by Wilson, **supported** by Cook, to approve the Minutes of the September 15, 2008 meeting.

Yeas: Wilson, Scharrer, Cook, Nelson

Abstain: Bronner

Nays: none

Motion carried

PUBLIC HEARING

The Chair opened the Public Hearing at 7:13 p.m. The subject of this hearing is proposed amendments to the Birch Run Township Zoning Ordinance to bring it in compliance with Michigan Public Act 110 of 2006, the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act as amended by Public Act 12 of 2008. Public Notice was published in the August 27, 2008 and October 1, 2008 editions of *The Birch Run/Bridgeport Herald*. Public Hearing was closed at 7:28 p.m.

Moved by Cook, **supported** by Bronner, to recommend the Birch Run Township Board of Trustees approve amendments to the Birch Run Township Zoning Ordinance in

response to Public Act 12 of 2008, amending Public Act 110 Of 2006, as presented in the May 29, 2008 draft by Landplan, Inc.

Yeas: Scharrer, Wilson, Bronner, Cook, Nelson

Nays: none

Motion carried

OLD BUSINESS

Escape ramps for artificial ponds was discussed and tabled.

Wind turbines was discussed and tabled.

Outdoor wood burning stoves was discussed and tabled.

The Chair appointed Dennis Bronner and Wyn Wilson to be a committee to recommend changes needed to the Zoning Ordinance.

OPEN DISCUSSION

The regular meeting of the Commission for November is canceled.

REPORTS

None heard.

NEW BUSINESS

None heard

OTHER

The **SITE PLAN REVIEW GUIDE**, DRAFTED BY Landplan, Inc. was discussed. It was recommended that the disclaimer "Refer to the Birch Run Township Zoning Ordinance" be included in bold, large type. Further discussion was tabled.

Moved by Wilson, **supported** by Bronner, to adjourn at 8:56 p.m.

Motion carried by voice vote

Respectfully submitted



Kenneth R. MacLeod
Recording Secretary

Approved at the meeting held

12/15/08

Jerry Cook
Secretary

