

Birch Run Township Planning Commission Regular Meeting Minutes December 15, 2008

Chair Bill Hoffman called the regular meeting of the Birch Run Township Planning Commission to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Also present for the Commission were Secretary Jerry Cook and Commissioners Wyn Wilson, Bob Scharrer, Jim Parker and Bill Nelson. Absent at roll call was Commissioner Dennis Bronner. (Mr. Bronner arrived and took his seat at 7:10 p.m.) A quorum was present. Also present was Zoning Administrator Mike Setzer. Two members of the public were present.

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

Ayes: Nelson, Cook, Wilson, Scharrer, Parker, Hoffman

Nays: none

Motion carried

Moved by Scharrer, **supported** by Wilson, to nominate Dennis Bronner for Vice-Chair of the Birch Run Township Planning Commission for the term ending March 31, 2009.

Ayes: Parker, Scharrer, Cook, Wilson, Hoffman

Nays: Nelson

Motion carried

No other nominations being heard, Mr. Bronner is elected as nominated.

Moved by Cook, **supported** by Nelson, to approve the Minutes of the October 20, 2008 meeting as presented.

Yeas: Wilson, Parker, Cook, Scharrer, Nelson, Hoffman

Nays: none

Motion carried

PUBLIC HEARING

No public hearing was heard.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion was held regarding escape ramps in artificial water bodies, wind turbines outdoor wood burning stoves, and the Site Plan Review Guide.

Moved by Nelson, **supported** by Scharrer, to request the Township Planner review escape ramps for artificial water bodies and wind turbines and suggest language for legislation.

Yeas: Wilson, Scharrer, Nelson, Parker, Bronner, Cook, Hoffman

Nays: none

Motion carried

Further discussion on these topics was tabled. Mr. Wilson submitted an article from the December 8, 2008 edition of *The Flint Journal* for attachment to these Minutes.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Mr. Barry Murray, of International R.V. World addressed the Commission regarding a plan to open an R.V. store on Gera Road. Discussion was held regarding requirements for Site Plan Approval.

Mr. Wilson addressed the Commission regarding a seminar presented by Rowe, Inc. on the subject of the new Michigan Zoning Enabling Act.

REPORTS

Township Board Representative, Bill Nelson, reported that the Board would like more information regarding the actions of the Commission.

Zoning Board of Appeals representative, Dennis Bronner, had no information to report.

NEW BUSINESS

Moved by Nelson, **supported** by Bronner, to adopt the By-Laws for the Birch Run Township Planning Commission as presented in the Landplan, Inc. letter of November 17, 2008, pages 3 thru 7.

Yeas: Nelson, Cook, Bronner, Scharrer, Parker, Wilson, Hoffman

Nays: none

Motion carried

OTHER

Moved by Wilson, **supported** by Bronner, to amend the first sentence of Section 2-A of the Birch Run Township Planning Commission By-Laws to read: *Meeting dates for the Birch Run Township Planning Commission shall be set by the last meeting in March and posted by April 1.*

Yeas: Parker, Wilson, Bronner, Cook, Nelson, Scharrer, Hoffman

Nays: none

Motion carried

Moved by Bronner, **supported** by Cook, to change the date of the January regular meeting from January 19, 2009 to January 12, 2009.

Yeas: Cook, Parker, Scharrer, Bronner, Hoffman

Nays: Nelson, Wilson

Motion carried

Moved by Wilson, **supported** by Nelson, to adjourn at 9:10 p.m.

Motion carried by voice vote

Respectfully Submitted,



Kenneth R. MacLeod

Recording Secretary

Approved at the Meeting Held 1-12-09,

Jerry Cook

Secretary

