

**Birch Run Township  
Planning Commission  
Minutes**

**Special Meeting**

14 Jan 2002

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**Members Present**

Jaime Trevino  
Bob Scharrer  
David Hinds (abs)  
Alan Hunter

Jeff Putnam (abs)  
James Totten (abs)  
Wyn Wilson

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Meeting called to order by Chairman Al Hunter at 7:03 PM.

Quorum was present.

Chairman Hunter read the legal notice for the meeting, and stated the purpose of the meeting was to conduct a public hearing and act upon proposed changes to the zoning ordinance identified in the published notice of the meeting.

Chairman Hunter the opened the Public Hearing at 7:08 PM. There were no members of the public in the audience.

Chairman Hunter closed the Public Hearing at 7:10 PM and returned to the Special Meeting.

Proposed changes to the zoning ordinance were reviewed and acted upon.

1614(15)(E)(4) Minor Water Bodies. Change to read:

"Where the water body is determined by the Planning Commission to be a public hazard, the body of water shall be enclosed by a fence that includes a gate that can be locked and is not less than four (4) feet nor more than six (6) feet in height....."

The proposed change was adopted on a Motion by Wyn Wilson/2nd by Bob Scharrer. Motion Passed: 4 - 0.

1614(10)(B)(2) Temporary Permits for Occupation of a Mobile Home by Aged Relative or Relatives: Change to read:

"A mobile home that is proposed to be used as living quarters for an aged relative or relatives, may be provided by the aged relative's children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, niece or nephew."

The proposed change was adopted on a Motion by Bob Scharrer/2nd by Wyn Wilson. Motion passed: 4 - 0.

New Sections regarding the keeping of Large Animals:

Add to Section 202 Definitions: "Large Animals - Large Animal means Horses, Ponies, Cows or other animals whose weight is generally in excess of 150 pounds."

Add New Section 315

"Conditions for Keeping Large Animals"

"It shall be unlawful for any person to allow a horse, pony or other large animal in his possession or control to run at large in the township; and such horse, pony or other large animal shall be confined and secured in an area subject to the following conditions:

1. A minimum of 5 acres of land shall be provided for the first horse, pony or large animal owned or possessed by any person residing in the township, and 2 additional acres of land shall be provided for each additional horse, pony or large animal.
2. Stables, feeding areas and other confinement areas shall be located at least 150 feet from neighboring residences; except that grazing shall be permitted within 50 feet of a neighboring residence.
3. Manure or offal from stables shall be located at least 150 feet from any property boundary line and shall not create any obnoxious condition. The determination by the township building inspector that an obnoxious condition exists, shall be prima facia evidence of the existence of such fact.
4. No electrical fencing which exceeds 12 volts shall be permitted on an premises."

The proposed change was adopted on a Motion by Jaime Trevino/2nd by Wyn Wilson  
Motion Passed: 4 - 0.

A Public Hearing for proposed ordinance changes was scheduled for 25 Feb 2002 at 7 PM.

Next Meeting scheduled for Jan 23, 2002 at 7 PM. to continue Master Plan development.

Meeting adjourned at 7:53 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

  
Alan J. Hunter  
Chairman

Approved:

1-28-02