

**Birch Run Township  
Planning Commission  
Minutes**

**Special Meeting**

10 Sep 2001

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**Members Present**

Jaime Trevino  
Bob Scharrer (abs)  
David Hinds  
Alan Hunter

Jeff Putnam  
James Totten  
Wyn Wilson

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Meeting called to order by Chairman Al Hunter at 7:00 PM.

A quorum was present.

Chairman Hunter stated that the purpose of the meeting was to hear Special Use Permit Request #2001-05, by Mr Jeffrey A Turner to construct a pond on his property at 1072 Busch Rd, Birch Run: also to hear Special Use Permit Request #2001-04 by Dr. Frank Piesko to construct a pond on his property on S. Gera Rd in section 10.

Chairman Hunter stated that proper notices have been published and nearby property owners notified.

Chairman Hunter opened the Public Hearing at 7:10 PM to hear Special Use Permit Request #2001-04.

DESIGNSCAPES, Inc. made the presentation for Dr. Piesko. Several people in the audience expressed concern for safety with a pond approximately 3 acres in size. The subject of fencing was discussed at some length. A question was asked about any effect on nearby wells. A question was asked about how close houses in front would be to property lines.

Chairman Hunter closed the Public Hearing at 7:35 and returned to the Special Meeting. The Planning Commission then deliberated the matter.

After deliberations, Chairman called for a motion to decide the matter.

Motion by Hinds: "to approve Special Use Permit Request #2001-04."

Support by Totten:

Motion passed: 5 - 1

Chairman Hunter reopened the Public Hearing at 7:45 PM to hear Special Use Permit Request #2001-05.

Mr. Turner presented the details of his request and noted that the pond was over 500 feet from the road. There was no opposition or questions from the audience.

Chairman Hunter closed the Public Hearing and returned to the Special Meeting at 7:54 PM.

The Planning Commission then deliberated the matter.

The Planning Commission did not find the pond to be a public hazard.

After deliberations Chairman Hunter called for a motion to decide the matter.

Motion by Putnam: "To approve Special Use Permit Request #2001-05."  
Support by Trevino

Motion passed: 6 - 0

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

  
Alan J Hunter  
Chairman

Approved:

5-20-'02