

**Birch Run Township
Planning Commission
Meeting Minutes**

Regular Meeting

August 22, 2005

Members Present

Dennis Bronner
Bob Scharrer
Caleb Hart
Ramon Rosas

Jeff Putnam
James Totten
Wyn Wilson

The planning commission meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Chairman James Totten. A quorum was present.

There were two visitors in the audience.

1. Mike Setzer – Birch Run Township Building / Zoning Administrator
2. Doug Piggot – Rowe Inc.

Minutes of the **July 25th, 2005** regular meeting were reviewed and approved on a motion by Bronner, supported by Wilson. Motion passed 7-0.

Zoning Amendment / Accessory Building Variance Request:

Chairman Totten gave an overview of the materials he presented to further aid in discussion of this topic. M. Setzer suggested that the Planning Commission send this issue back to the ZBA and ask that the ZBA make a formal motion to the Planning Commission to clarify what the ZBA is asking the Planning Commission to do. The possibility of adding an illustration or appendixes for clarification of the current ordinance was discussed. It was agreed to follow M. Setzer recommendation and schedule additional discussion of this issue at the September meeting.

Township Board Update:

Putnam reported that the Township unanimously approved to add a request for a millage for both Police and Fire as separate issues on the November ballot. The Police issue is requesting 2 mills for full time coverage of the entire Township. The Fire issue is requesting 1.58 mills for land, a new fire hall and equipment for the Township Fire Department.

Zoning Board of Appeals Update:

Bronner reported that Bronner's CHRISTmas Wonderland has requested a variance for their sign on I-75.

The meeting was recessed at 6:47 p.m. to allow for setup for Planning Commission training session. The meeting was called back to order at 7:00 p.m.

Besides the Birch Run Planning Commission members, eight members of the Taymouth Township Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals and Al Hunter were in the audience.

Planning Commission Training:

Doug Piggot of Rowe Inc. presented a training seminar for the Planning Commission / ZBA members.

Future Meetings:

The next regular meeting is set for September 26th, 2005 at 7:00pm.

All in favor to Adjourn at 8:45pm on a motion by Bronner with support by Hart.

Respectfully Submitted: Ramon T. Rosas, Secretary

Approved: 9/26/05 RTR