

# **Birch Run Township Planning Commission Regular Meeting Minutes January 15, 2007**

The regular meeting of the Birch Run Township Planning Commission was called to order by Secretary Jerry Cook at 7:00 p.m., with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll** was called. Present were Secretary Jerry Cook, and Commission Members Dennis Bronner, Ed Magnus, Bob Scharrer, Jeff Putnam and Bill Hoffman. Absent was Commission Member Wyn Wilson. (Mr. Wilson arrived at 7:30 p.m.) A quorum was present. Also present was Zoning Administrator, Michael Setzer.

**Moved** by Bronner, **supported** by Scharrer, to excuse the absent member.

**Yeas:** Bronner, Scharrer, Nelson, Putnam, Hoffman, Cook

**Nays:** none

**Motion carried**

**Moved** by Putnam, **supported** by Bronner, to elect Bill Nelson Chair for the term ending March 2007.

**Yeas:** Hoffman, Scharrer, Putnam, Bronner, Cook, Nelson

**Nays:** none

**Motion carried**

Bill Nelson assumed the Chair.

**Moved** by Bronner, **supported** by Putnam, to elect Bill Hoffman Vice-Chair for the term ending March 2007.

**Yeas:** Putnam, Bronner, Scharrer, Hoffman, Cook, Nelson

**Nays:** none

**Motion carried**

**Moved** by Cook, **supported** by Scharrer, to approve the Minutes of the November 20, 2006 meeting.

**Yeas:** Scharrer, Cook, Putnam, Nelson

**Abstained:** Bronner, Hoffman

**Nays:** none

**Motion carried**

**New Business** The Zoning Administrator brought before the Commission proposed changes to Ordinance No. 2004-02, Birch Run Township Zoning Ordinance. It is noted for the record that the Zoning Administrator has been directed by the Commission to revise the language on these proposals and bring them to the next Commission meeting.

**Moved** by Putnam, **supported** by Cook, to permit the Zoning Administrator to approve temporary dwellings on any lot.

**Yeas:** Bronner, Scharrer, Cook, Wilson, Putnam, Hoffman, Nelson

**Nays:** none

**Motion carried**

**Moved** by Bronner, **supported** by Wilson, to refer section 20.17 #C, and the creation of #D, to the Zoning Administrator for language revision.

**Yeas:** Cook, Putnam, Hoffman, Wilson, Scharrer, Bronner, Nelson

**Nays:** none

**Motion Carried**

**Moved** by Putnam, **supported** by Bronner, to amend Section 20.20, to prohibit the construction of any building before the primary building.

**Yeas:** Putnam, Nelson

**Nays:** Bronner, Scharrer, Wilson, Hoffman, Cook

**Motion failed**

**Moved** by Bronner, **supported** by Cook, to approve the following changes to Section 19.04:

1. In #B, (page 19-1) change the height to a maximum of 8' from 10'.
2. Extend the clear vision zone in Diagram 19.04-2 on page 19-4 to meet the 20' mark to include the driveway.
3. Also change the height from 10' to 8'

**Yeas:** Nelson

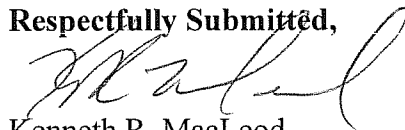
**Nays:** Putnam, Cook, Wilson, Scharrer, Bronner, Hoffman

**Motion failed.**

**Moved** by Wilson, **supported** by Scharrer, to adjourn at 8:37 p.m.

**Motion carried by voice vote**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

  
Kenneth R. MacLeod  
Recording Secretary

**Approved at the meeting held**

  
Jerry Cook  
Secretary

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