

The October 5th 2015 meeting of the Birch Run Township Planning Commission was called to order at 7pm by Chair Norris.

Roll call. All present except Schaarr.

Sheridan made a motion to excuse Schaarr seconded by Parlberg. Motion passed by voice vote.

June 15th 2015 minutes. Parlberg offered typo revision. Marr motion to approve June 15th minutes second Morse. Voice vote approved.

Public meeting opened at 704pm. Harold Baulmer spoke in support of the proposal. Mr. Baulmer also spoke on the handicapped parking as not to be as represented on the drawings. Back road cannot have truck traffic according to Mr. Baulmer. The back road is on property owned by the putt-putt tenant. Mr. Baulmer is asking for a waiver of the landscaping requirements on the east side and the south side. Commissioner Marr spoke on the east end of the parking lot and the access to adjacent property to the north. Mr. Baulmer spoke on the POTENTIAL (emphasis by Mr. Baulmer) to block it off. It was noted that the pedestrian access from the adjacent to the north parking is to be striped by the paving contractor. Mr. Baulmer stated the parking will end up being 39 total spots after the adding of spots as indicated in his presentation and also spoke of deleting spots existing. Chair Norris asked for further questions. Marr asked if these drawings are for the approval of this project. Setzer spoke on the need for revision of drawings for final approval.

Chair Norris asked for a recommendation for a motion for approval with the suggested changes. Motion made by Parlberg to approve with conditions. Seconded by Morse. All present voted yes in roll call vote.

Old business

1. Private roads; Sheridan spoke on the private road issue. It was noted that the Sag. County Road Commission basically doesn't care what happens beyond their control or to say another way, beyond the right of away. Discussion followed on private roads.
2. Resolution for artificial ponds; this is being added for clean out of ponds. The Twp. had no language for clean out of ponds. Motion made by Sheridan, Seconded by Marr, **see attached...** Resolution 02-2015. Motion passed by voice vote.

Add green belts to agenda Article 17 for discussion for next meeting.

Marr spoke on Medical Marijuana. He suggests the Township Board give direction. Sheridan spoke on the topic and says the way this currently stands there are 5 categories and that discussions are ongoing in the State Legislature to allow the townships to disallow one and only one of the 5 categories. Sheridan suggests the zoning ordinances mean nothing because of the way the Medical Marijuana law is written. Much discussion followed. **Add to agenda** for next P.C. review.

Parking requirements were discussed. There are some overlapping circumstances governing parking and the number of spots in the ordinance. Discussion followed.

Nelson asked about the Executive Mortgage property. Setzer responded by saying it has reverted to the residential and allows the same as any other residential business.

Reports;

Sheridan commented, the Township Board is going to table the Master Plan review for this fall. There is discussion for an assisted living facility potentially coming to the Township. Discussion followed.

Parlberg;

ZBA meeting upcoming this month. There was action by the sign board of appeals, General RV is increasing the sign height out by the freeway. It was approved.

New Business

Setting Public Hearing date for resolution 02-2015 Motion made by Marr seconded Sheridan by motion to set public hearing date for resolution 02-2015 for Dec 14 2015. Voice vote, passed.

Other;

Bylaws. Page 2. All meetings shall be recorded. Page 3 All motions initiated by P.C. members shall be in writing. Adopted by P.C. June 15th 2015.

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Lot coverage; Single family homes in the R-2 might deserve the same consideration as A-1 & R-1 districts. More to come at the December 14th 2015 meeting.

Dates of meetings were discussed.

Motion to adjourn, Marr seconded by Morse voice vote approved at 8:17pm

Respectfully Submitted;

Bill Nelson, Birch Run Township Planning Commission Secretary