



Birch Run Township Planning Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 19th, 2022
11935 Silver Creek Dr., Birch Run, Michigan 48415

Call to Order of Special Meeting:

Chairman C.J. Norris called the September 19th, 2022 Regular Meeting of the Birch Run Township Planning Commission to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present:

C.J. Norris, Chair; Mike Marr, Vice Chair; Mike Musial, Secretary; Fred Sheridan, Keith Jewell, Ed Munson, Members.

Members Absent:

Others Present:

Nine (9) people were in the audience. Also present were Riley Kiessling, Recording Secretary; Gretchen Nielsen, Zoning Administrator; Kurt Kiessling, Twp Trustee.

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

Motion by Marr seconded by Jewell to approve the June 20th, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented.

PASSED: Motion carried by majority voice vote

Motion by Marr seconded by Sheridan to approve the July 28th, 2022 Special Meeting Minutes as presented.

PASSED: Motion carried by majority voice vote

Public Hearing for Wiskur – Pond Application: Began at 19:11

Applicant Comments: Applicant gave a presentation of their proposed pond and answered questions posed by the Planning Commission.

Staff Comments:

Gretchen Nielsen: Great write-up, all in compliance. No engineering draft required, per precedent.

Public Comment: Letter received from Nancy Danks, 11355 Dehmel Rd.

Public Hearing closed at 19:15

Motion by Sheridan seconded by Marr to approve the application for a pond at the Wiskur residence at 11395 Dehmel.

Yeas: Norris, Marr, Musial, Munson, Sheridan, Jewell

Nays: None.

Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business:

(A) Signed Master Plan was distributed to Planning Commission Members.

(B) Capital Improvements Program was reviewed, and public hearing dates considered.

- a. Motion by Marr seconded by Sheridan to set a public hearing for the next available special meeting
- b. Copy of CIP to be sent to Township Board for review before next Board Meeting.
- c. Planning Commission will continue to review internally.

(C) Site Plan Review Ordinance Changes were discussed further.

(C-2) Motion by Marr seconded by Sheridan to set a public hearing date for the next available meeting on the Site Plan Review Ordinance Changes.

Yeas: Jewell, Marr, Norris, Sheridan, Munson

Nays: Musial

Motion carried by majority roll call vote

Public Comment:

Public comments/correspondence received:

Justin & Alyssa Kidd: Land use questions

Shane Heddy: Questions re: permanent tent rental structures

Mr. Frost: Questions on building a pole barn on property

Reports:

Township Board Representative (*Fred Sheridan*):

Spoke to board members re: Caregiver Marihuana Ordinance & what they would like to see in a future ordinance. Waiting for a list of what Board Members want.

Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) Rep. (*Mike Marr*): None

Zoning Administrator (*Gretchen Nielsen*):

Had questions on 9570 Burt Rd from Jim Totten re: a potential parcel division where there would be a landlocked parcel; discussion of easement.

New Business:

- Dave Young – Take Out Restaurant (A)
 - Owner did not show. Still waiting on more information.
 - *G. Nielsen*: A temporary Outdoor Special Use was granted for the food truck.
- Changes to Pond Ordinance (B)
 - Changes to ordinance discussed; Z.A. will provide clean copy of discussed changes for next P.C. Meeting.
- Accessory Building Ordinance (C):
 - Discussion re: Table 20.1 & Table 9.4 in the Zoning Ordinance to fix the conflicting area requirements for Accessory Buildings. More information will be provided as well as proposed changes.

Other:

Adjournment:

Motion by Sheridan seconded by Marr to adjourn at 21:17

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Riley Kiessling, Recording Secretary

Mike Musial

Planning Commission Secretary