

Birch Run Township

Planning Commission

Meeting Minutes

March 19, 2012

Chair Diana Kloss opened the Meeting of the Birch Run Township Planning Commission at 7:08 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Also present for the Commission were Vice Chair Patricia Mayer, and Commissioners Bill Nelson, Elaine Parlberg, and Steve Schaar. Absent were Secretary, Gerald Cook and Commissioner Kathy Wise-Steiner.

Motion by Nelson, supported by Parlberg to address absentees as unexcused.

Yeas: Schaar, Parlberg, Nelson, Mayer, and Kloss.

Nays: None

Motion carried.

New members Elaine Parlberg and Steve Schaar were welcomed.

Motion by Nelson, supported by Mayer to nominate Diana Kloss as Chairperson for the term April 1, 2012 thru March 31, 2013.

Yeas: Schaar, Parlberg, Nelson, Mayer, and Kloss.

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Motion by Mayer, supported by Nelson to volunteer as Vice Chair for the term April 1, 2012 thru March 31, 2013.

Yeas: Schaar, Parlberg, Nelson, Mayer, and Kloss.

Motion by Mayer, supported by Schaar to nominate Gerald Cook as Secretary for the term April 1, 2012 thru March 31, 2013.

Yeas: Parlberg, Mayer, and Kloss

Nays: Nelson, Schaar

Motion carried.

Motion by Nelson, supported by Schaar to nominate Elaine Parlberg as Secretary for the term April 1, 2012 thru March 31, 2013.

Yeas: Schaar, Nelson

Nays: Parlberg, Mayer, and Kloss.

Motion failed.

Motion by Nelson, supported by Mayer to nominate Elaine Parlberg as ZBA representative for a term to expire with her Planning Commission term or until replaced.

Yeas: Schaar, Parlberg, Nelson, Mayer, and Kloss.

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Motion by Nelson, supported by Mayer to approve the February 9, 2012 meeting minutes with typographical corrections.

Yeas: Schaar, Parlberg, Nelson, Mayer, and Kloss.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

Public hearing to receive input on the proposed amendments to the Birch Run Township Zoning Ordinance opened at 7:30 p.m. No members of the public were in attendance and there were no public comments. Hearing closed at 7:32 p.m.

Motion by Nelson, supported by Mayer to approve all amendments, Recommendation #01-2012 and #02-2012, which include modification of the following issues: Replacement of Article 14, Section 14.13 "Adult Entertainment Business" and amendments to Article 9, Article 14 and Article 21, which are amendments of "Wind Turbines" and "Outdoor Entertainment Facilities".

Yeas: Schaar, Parlberg, Nelson, Mayer, and Kloss.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

Old Business: discussion of Private Roads to determine if the current ordinance requires revision. Discussion was tabled until the next meeting of the Planning Commission.

No issues from the public.

No public hearing dates were set.

Motion by Nelson, supported by Parlberg to approve Resolution #12-001 to set the Planning Commission meeting dates for 2012 and 2013 as June 18, 2012; September 17, 2012; December 17, 2012; and March 18, 2013.

Yeas: Schaar, Parlberg, Nelson, Mayer, and Kloss.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn: 8:17 p.m.

All in favor.

Motion carried.

Planning Commission Vice Chair Patricia Mayer for Planning Commission Secretary Gerald Cook