



Birch Run Township Planning Commission
Special Meeting Minutes
March 28th, 2024
11935 Silver Creek Dr., Birch Run, Michigan 48415

Call to Order of Meeting:

Chairman C.J. Norris called the March 28th, 2024, Special Meeting of the Birch Run Township Planning Commission to order at 19:03 with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present:

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

Members Absent: Ed Munson

Motion by Marr seconded by Sheridan to excuse Ed Munson from the meeting.

Motion PASSED by majority voice vote.

Others Present:

(4) people were in the audience. Also present were Gretchen Nielsen, Zoning Administrator; Kurt Kiessling, Trustee.

Agenda:

Motion by Sheridan seconded by Musial to approve the December 19th, 2023, Regular Meeting Agenda as presented.

Motion PASSED by majority voice vote.

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

- February 20th, 2024 – Regular Meeting.
- March 28th, 2024 – Special Meeting

TO BE APPROVED AT THE APRIL 16th, 2024, Regular Meeting

Old Business:

- None

Public Hearing - Birch Run Speedway, [10945 Dixie Highway] SLUP Application for a standard restaurant with alcohol services and Site Plan Approval (Start Time: 19:08 – 19:42)

Restaurant and Alcohol Services - SLUP Approval.

The approval is contingent upon: 1. Applicant to receive required permits and licenses per local and state requirements; 2. the facility [Restaurant] is based on a 100 person restaurant capacity;

Motion by Sheridan seconded by Marr to approve the Birch Run Speedway - 10945 Dixie Highway SLUP Application for a standard restaurant including alcohol services.

Yeas: Jewell, Marr, Sheridan, Norris, Musial

Nays: None

Absent: Munson

Motion PASSED by majority roll call vote.

Site Plan Approval.

The approval is contingent upon; 1. Secure permit and inspection approval of north fence already installed; 2. New wooden deck to cover entrance of outside restroom access to include permit and inspection approval per submitted drawing; 3. Modifications of existing south fence including required permits and inspections; 4. New construction driveway off of Canada Road to be removed and ground to be replaced as original.

Motion by Marr seconded by Sheridan to approve the Birch Run Speedway – 10945 Dixie Highway Site Plan as submitted.

Yeas: Jewell, Marr, Sheridan, Norris, Musial

Nays: None

Absent: Munson

Motion PASSED by majority roll call vote.

Public Comment: None

Reports:

Township Board Representative (*Fred Sheridan*):

- None

Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) Rep. (*Mike Marr*):

- None

Zoning Administrator (*Gretchen Nielsen*):

- Submitted a draft copy of Short Term Rental standards and regulations for specific land uses for review.
- Commented on E.V. Stations – Something to start discussing in the future
- Wedding Barn – Located on Gera Road – North of Canada Road.

Other: None

Adjournment:

Motion by Marr seconded by Sheridan to adjourn at 19:59

Motion passed by majority voice vote.
