

**BIRCH RUN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 11, 2014**

Supervisor Ray Letterman called the February Regular Meeting of the Birch Run Township Board to order at 7:00 p.m. Also present for the board were Corey Trinklein, Clerk; Debbie Trevino, Treasurer; Ed Magnus, Pam Moore, Fred Sheridan & Brady Totten, Trustees. Approximately 14 people were in the audience. Others present were Dave Matzke for the Fire Department, Brad Thomas for the Water Department & Jeanette Morrish for the Library.

RECESS REGULAR MEETING FOR PARK MASTER PLAN PUBLIC HEARING: 7:02 p.m.

Supervisor called the Park Master Plan Public Hearing to Order at 7:02 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT: 7:02 p.m. to 7:04 p.m.

Ed Magnus – Change the name for the master plan to Park & Recreation Master Plan 2014.

RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING FROM PARK MASTER PLAN PUBLIC HEARING: 7:04 p.m.

RECESS REGULAR MEETING FOR CONDITIONAL PROPERTY TRANSFER PUBLIC HEARING: 7:05 p.m.

Supervisor called the Conditional Property Transfer Public Hearing to Order at 7:05 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT: 7:05 p.m. to 7:18 p.m.

Kurt Kiessler – Had questions regarding some points of the agreement. He feels that the length of the contract is too long. Review is discussed in the agreement, Kurt feels when a new board is voted in the contract is reviewed at that time. How is economic development defined by the board? Amendments can be initiated between the Township Board and the Village of Birch Run, are the amendments open to the public and discussed in a public meeting. The Special Use Permit that was originally approved has some stipulations that do not conform to the Conditional Property Transfer wording.

RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING FROM CONDITIONAL PROPERTY TRANSFER PUBLIC HEARING: 7:18 p.m.

PASSED: Motion by Magnus seconded by Totten to approve the February 11, 2014 Agenda as amended adding Med Control.

Yeas: Totten, Trinklein, Moore, Magnus, Letterman, Trevino, Sheridan

Nays:

PASSED: Motion by Magnus seconded by Moore to approve the Medical Control Authority's focused response agreement option 2 beginning on March 1st or coordinating with Taymouth Township.

Yeas: Sheridan, Totten, Trinklein, Moore, Magnus, Letterman, Trevino

Nays:

January 14, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes were discussed.

PASSED: Motion by Moore seconded by Totten to approve the January 14, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented.

Yeas: Trinklein, Moore, Magnus, Letterman, Trevino, Sheridan, Totten

Nays:

PASSED: Motion by Magnus seconded by Sheridan to approve Invoices through 2/09/14 totaling \$151,856.75.

Yeas: Moore, Magnus, Letterman, Trevino, Sheridan, Totten, Trinklein
Nays:

PUBLIC COMMENT: 7:42 p.m. to 7:43 p.m.

Mike Szukent – Best of Birch Run was a great event and Mike wanted to thank the Township Board for attending, 225 people attended the event.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS:

Corey Trinklein – Presented publication cost breakdown for the minutes. Present comparison for the May 1st health insurance renewal.

Debbie Trevino – Presented Treasurers report February 2014. Gave update regarding where the Township stands in collecting taxes and delinquent taxes.

Ray Letterman – Next Wednesday there is a County Road Commission meeting in Bridgeport.

Brady Totten – January 15th there was a DDA meeting where Mr. Meyer did a presentation on options on how to expand the DDA.

Fred Sheridan – Planning Commission is holding a public hearing on March 17th to discuss lot Coverage changes.

Ed Magnus – Annual Joint Meeting will be April 24th at Oscar & Joey's.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Brad Thomas – All the little projects are coming to an end, the Water Tower project has one last task to complete. By the end of March everything will be moved out of the various storage areas to the maintenance building.

Dave Matzke – Last month there were 61 calls and provided a report from MMR. There are 24 calls so far this month. Dave is currently working on a lot of Fire Inspections.

Jeanette Morrish – Presented a newsletter, continuing the winter reading program, and two members of the Friends of the Library were in attendance at the Township Board meeting.

PASSED: Motion by Magnus seconded by Sheridan to approve the February Budget Amendments as presented.

Yeas: Magnus, Letterman, Trevino, Sheridan, Totten, Trinklein, Moore
Nays:

PASSED: Motion by Magnus seconded by Trevino to approve the Park & Recreation Master Plan 2013 – 2018 as amended being Resolution #2014-02 (Park & Recreation Master Plan 2014).

Yeas: Letterman, Trevino, Sheridan, Totten, Trinklein, Moore, Magnus
Nays:

PASSED: Motion by Magnus seconded by Totten to approve Conditional Property Transfer Agreement as presented.

Yeas: Sheridan, Totten, Trinklein, Moore, Magnus
Nays: Trevino, Letterman

PASSED: Motion by Magnus seconded by Sheridan to approve consolidation of departments into a Department of Public Works (DPW).

Yeas: Totten, Trinklein, Moore, Magnus, Letterman, Trevino, Sheridan
Nays:

PASSED: Motion by Magnus seconded by Totten to approve Resolution 2014-01 (Insurance Opt Out).

Yeas: Trinklein, Moore, Magnus, Letterman, Trevino, Sheridan, Totten
Nays:

PASSED: Motion by Magnus seconded by Sheridan to approve setting the Annual Meeting Date to March 4, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Government Room.

Yeas: Moore, Magnus, Letterman, Trevino, Sheridan, Totten, Trinklein

Nays:

PASSED: Motion by Magnus seconded by Totten to approve setting the Budget Hearing Date to March 11, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Government Room.

Yeas: Magnus, Letterman, Trevino, Sheridan, Totten, Trinklein, Moore

Nays:

PASSED: Motion by Magnus seconded by Totten to approve entering into closed session to review attorney legal opinion.

Yeas: Letterman, Trevino, Sheridan, Totten, Trinklein, Moore, Magnus

Nays:

RECESS REGULAR MEETING FOR CLOSED SESSION TO REVIEW ATTORNEY'S LEGAL OPINION: 8:49 p.m.

Supervisor called the Closed Session to Review Attorney's Legal Opinion to Order at 8:49 p.m.

RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING FROM CLOSED SESSION TO REVIEW ATTORNEY'S LEGAL OPINION: 9:55 p.m.

PASSED: Motion by Moore seconded by Totten to approve ending closed session to review attorney's legal opinion.

Yeas: Letterman, Trevino, Sheridan, Totten, Trinklein, Moore, Magnus

Nays:

PUBLIC COMMENT: 10:04 p.m. to 10:04 p.m.

PASSED: Motion by Magnus seconded by Sheridan to adjourn at 10:05 p.m.

Yeas: Totten, Trinklein, Moore, Magnus, Letterman, Trevino, Sheridan

Nays:

Corey Trinklein

Birch Run Township Clerk

Approved: March 11, 2014 _____