



Village of Birch Run  
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## **NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING**

The Birch Run Village Council will hold a Special Meeting on Monday, April 12, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. to hear a presentation regarding recreational marijuana from the Birch Run Wellness Center. The meeting will be held in the former Guest Services Center of Birch Run Premium Outlets, 12373 South Beyer Road, Suite C210, Birch Run, Michigan 48415.

All written communications can be mailed and must be received prior to the date of the meeting or presented at the time of the meeting. Verbal communication can be presented at the time of the Special Meeting.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please feel free to contact the Village of Birch Run at (989) 624-5711 during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Stacey Plichta  
Village Clerk



**BIRCH RUN VILLAGE COUNCIL – SPECIAL MEETING**  
MONDAY, APRIL 12, 2021 AT 7:00PM  
BIRCH RUN PREMIUM OUTLETS – SUITE C210  
12373 S BEYER ROAD, BIRCH RUN, MICHIGAN

**MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order by Council Member Matthew Welch at 7:00 pm on Monday, April 12, 2021, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: President Marianne Nelson, attending remotely from Birch Run, Michigan due to medical reasons; Council Members: James Totten; Tom White; Blaike Stafford; Matthew Welch

Others Present: Paul Moore, DDA Director/Village Manager; Jason Leidel, Police Chief; Lisa Duffett, DDA Secretary/Village Treasurer; Courtney Damsen, Deputy Clerk; Megan Decker, Birch Run/Bridgeport Herald; Cody Hobson; David Stewart; Dave Matzke; Ed Anderson; Paul Warman; Kurt Kiessling; Connie England; Thomas England; Dr. Steven Kalesperis D.O.; Robb Lapeen; Peter Remington; Steven Pitsillos; Pamela Moore; Marie Hutchinson; Mickey Adado; Dori Adado; Kristina Adado; Lori Flynn-Shoup; Karen Parlberg; Robert Z.

**Approval of Agenda**

Motion by White, supported by Stafford to approve the agenda

Ayes: Nelson, Totten, White, Stafford, Welch

Nays: none

Motion Carried

**Citizens seeking information or giving input on matter of interest to the Village Council (Time Limit of 5 Minutes Each)**

Public Comments:

1. Cody Hobson of 6805 Canada Rd., expressed his concerns regarding other citizens being allowed to enter the industry of selling recreational marijuana if Birch Run Wellness is granted the permission to do so.
2. Dori Adado shared about the benefits that CBD has had on her daughter.
3. Lori Flynn-Shoup of 8115 Edgewood Dr., as a Massage Therapist, expressed her love for what Birch Run Wellness has to offer when it comes to natural medicine.

4. Edward Anderson of Montrose, believes that Birch Run Wellness is the highest and best use of the building, and as a business man, whole heartedly supports them.
5. Robert Z. of Bridgeport, shared the benefits he's experienced with using products from Birch Run Wellness.
6. Thomas England of 12835 Gera Rd., shared his thoughts on how he's glad to see the building being used, instead of sitting vacant, as it has been in the past.

### **Unfinished Business**

No unfinished business

### **New Business**

1. Presentation by the Birch Run Wellness Center regarding Recreational Marijuana  
After sharing his personal story and experience with Cannabis and impact it has had on his life, Robb Lapeen, owner of Birch Run Wellness Center, expressed his wishes for the center, including the sale of recreational and medicinal marijuana.

Dr. Steve Kalesperis D.O. explained the difference between THC and CBD, as well as the health benefits of using products containing THC as compared to the current CBD products offered by Birch Run Wellness. Steven Pitsillos, Market Advertiser, shared a presentation including the history of cannabis and its health benefits. Lastly, Peter Remington, with The Remington Group, presented expected earnings and potential contributions back to the community.

After the presentation and questions from the Council, Council Member Welch stated that the Council will take the issue under advisement.

### **Announcements**

1. DDA Board of Directors Meeting- Thursday, April 15, 2021 at 7:30 am
  2. Village Council Meeting- Monday, April 26, 2021 at 7:00 pm
- (All meetings are held in the Village Council Chambers unless noted)*

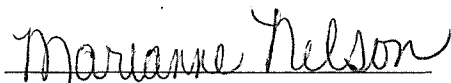
### **Adjournment**

Motion by Totten, supported by Stafford to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 pm

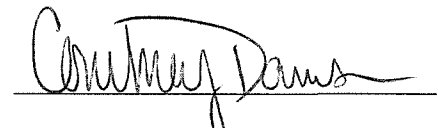
Ayes: Totten, White, Stafford, Welch, Nelson

Nays: none

Motion Carried



Marianne Nelson  
Council President



Courtney Damsen  
Deputy Clerk