



Village of Birchwood

The **Ordinance Committee** of the Village of Birchwood
was held on **Tuesday, March 14th, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.**
at the Birchwood Village Hall, 101 N Main Street, Birchwood, WI 54817.

Chairperson call meeting to order – Meeting will be recorded.

Pledge of Allegiance-Not recited.

Roll Call: Present: - Steven Milligan, Paul Parkos, and Rocky VanGilder

Public Notice: Posted at the Birchwood Post Office, Village Hall, Gary's Grocery, and Village Website

Agenda Items (Correspondence and Citizen Comments Allowed – Limit 3 minutes per person)

1. Motion by Parkos, 2nd by Milligan to approve current March 14th, 2023, Ordinance Agenda. Carried 3-0
2. New Fence Ordinance- Atwood went through the proposed ordinance. VanGilder would like to include deer fencing allowed in all districts. All members agreed. Discussion on definition of visual screen and sound barrier for a commercial/residential barrier fence. Joe will clarify the definition and tweak this section. Fences already constructed will be grandfathered in. A permit and lot line verification is required prior to fence construction. Atwood will revise ordinance per discussion.
 - a. Add to Division 3. – Accessory Buildings, Uses, Structures and Use of Required Yards, labeled Sec. 28-652 Fencing.
 - i. Specify the types of fence the Village would like, setbacks, acceptable materials, and heights allowed. Committee agreed types, materials, setbacks, and heights are acceptable. Motion by VanGilder, 2nd by Parkos to send changes made in the 1st draft of the fence ordinance to Plan Commission. Carried 3-0
3. Proposed Text Amendment
 - a. Article V – Lawn and Grasses
 - i. Motion by Parkos, 2nd by Milligan to approve changing grass height from 12 inches to 8 inches. Carried 3-0
 - ii. Atwood added an inspection notice of violation section for enforcement purposes. VanGilder would like the nuisance abated by acceptable mowing clause changed from 5 days to 7 days. Motion by Parkos, 2nd by Milligan to change the notice of violation notice from 5 to 7 days. Carried 3-0
 - b. Motion by Milligan, 2nd by Parkos to remove “see section 28-634” and add maximum building height: principal building 35 feet - Accessory building-20 feet from DIVISION 2. R-1 Single Family residential District Sec 28-74 – Dimensional requirements. Carried 3-0.

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- c. Motion by VanGilder, 2nd by Milligan to change DIVISION 2. R-1 Single Family Residential District Sec 28-74(4) – Dimensional requirements – to change the setback from 18 inches (believed to be a typo) on detached buildings and accessory structures to 3-feet. Carried 3-0.
- d. Sec. 20-113 Appointment of Costs. (Sidewalks)
 - i. Motion by VanGilder, 2nd by Parkos to remove “the owner to pay 50 percent and the village to pay 50 percent of the cost of repairs to 100% the owner. Carried 3-0.
4. New Short Term Home Rentals Ordinance
 - a. Motion by Parkos 2nd by Milligan to approve a short-term home rental ordinance. Carried 3-0.
5. Adjournment- Motion by Parkos 2nd by Milligan to adjourn. Carried 3-0

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