

**Planning Commission Meeting
Bridgewater Township
Official Minutes
Friday, April 25, 2014**

- ❖ John Klockeman called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Members present were John Klockeman, Jeff Stremcha, Ray Larson, Bruce Morlan, Jim Rossow, Jim Braun, Carolyn Braun, and John Holden.
- ❖ The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- ❖ Bruce Morlan made a motion to approve the minutes, Ray Larson seconded it, all approved.
- ❖ A motion was made by Bruce Morlan to approve the agenda, John Holden seconded, all approved.
- ❖ Open forum was held but no comments were made.

- ❖ *Public Hearings:*
 - TEPPERmit – SMC – Dundas Wash Plant
 - Jim Braun reviewed conditions from last year that were approved and recommends that we use the same for this year. They were in compliance last year.
 - The Public Hearing for this item was closed at 7:13 pm. John Holden made a motion to approve, Bruce Morlan seconded, and all approved.
 - Will need to go through the Board of Supervisors meeting on May 14, 2014.
 - TEPPERmit – Medford Sand and Gravel – Milwaukee Pit
 - Jim Braun reviewed conditions from last year that were approved and recommends that we use the same for this year. There were no issues last year, and the crushed culvert was fixed.
 - Last year they removed rock from the larger piles for screening.
 - There was no comment during the Public Hearing for this. Bruce Morlan made a motion to approve, Jeff Stremcha seconded, and all approved.

- ❖ *Jeff Stremcha made a motion to amend the agenda by moving item 8a (3 year TEPPERmits discussion) up to follow Public Hearings. Bruce Morlan seconded and all approved.*
 - Three year renewal of TEPPERmits in the future:
 - There are no current problems with operators. Jim Braun is recommending that we move to a three year renewal unless fees are not paid, bonds are not renewed, or issues are not being resolved. It is the consensus of the board to have Carolyn Braun begin the Ordinance process to be discussed during next month's meeting.

- ❖ *Old Business: Discussion on Agricultural Tourism Ordinance*
 - Carolyn Braun has reviewed the Rice County ordinance and is concerned about the lack of clarity in it. It was suggested by a board member that we request clarification from Rice County. Jeff Stremcha suggested that we amend our permits to include a rural event center. The Planning and Zoning board requested Carolyn Braun craft an ordinance to allow a rural event center for review during the next meeting.
 - Following a discussion on types of camping events, it was decided that we should add “Camping Ordinance” to our next month’s agenda.

- ❖ *New Business*
 - *Commercial vs. Private Kennels*
 - Jim Braun commented on residents that take in rescue and foster dogs. In Athens Township, they need to keep the dogs indoors, walk them on a regular basis, and if the dogs bark while in an outdoor pen, they need to be brought back indoors. Bridgewater Township will follow this same procedure for any residents that take in foster and rescue dogs. Questions from residents will be directed to Jim Braun.

- ❖ *Miscellaneous:*
 - *Jeff Stremcha noted that in a recent issue of the “Smithsonian” they listed the top small towns in the U.S.*
 - Of note was the excellent biking and walking trails in each of these towns.
 - *Comprehensive Plan*
 - The Planning and Zoning Board would like direction from the Board of Supervisors on the Comprehensive Plan and what the plan is to implement it.

- ❖ *Adjournment*
 - Bruce Morlan moved to adjourn at 8:23pm, Ray Larson seconded and all approved.

- ❖ Next meeting will be held on May 16, 2014, at 7pm in the Bridgewater Township Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Frances Boehning
Bridgewater Township Clerk.