

**Planning Commission Meeting
Bridgewater Township
Official Minutes
Wednesday, January 28, 2015**

- ❖ John Klockeman called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Members present were John Klockeman, Jim Rossow, Jeff Stremcha, Jim Braun, Carolyn Braun, and Kathleen Doran-Norton.
- ❖ The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- ❖ Jeff Stremcha made a motion to approve the agenda, Jim Rossow seconded, all approved.
- ❖ Jeff Stremcha made a motion to approve the minutes from December 17, 2014, Jim Rossow seconded, all approved with corrections.
- ❖ *Open Forum* - None
- ❖ *Public Hearings* –None
- ❖ *Old Business:*
 - *Recap of Richard Truman – Variance Request* – Jim Braun reviewed the current standing of the request and communications with Richard Truman.

- ❖ *New Business*
 - *A. Rice Creek Overlay District Ordinance – Discussion*
 - A discussion was held regarding buffer zones
 - The standard is 300 feet of buffer unless permanent vegetation is planted, then it is 100 feet. All structures and septic are to be set back 300 feet.
 - Next steps include a hearing and public comment for the month of March/April.
 - Request direction from Board of Supervisors regarding tile permit issue.
 - Informational meeting in March with information packet.
 - No TDR in overlay.

 - *B. Transfer of Development Rights – Discussion*
 - A discussion was held regarding the current ordinance. Jim Braun will talk to Trent McCorkle and come back with additional information.
 - A request was made to eliminate “bonus” TDR.
 - No TDR will be allowed in the Rice Creek Overlay.

 - *C. TEPP for Rice County and Kielemeyer Construction*
 - Rice County needs to move asphalt per orders from the MPCA. Needs to be completed as soon as possible. The county would like to crush in February if possible.
 - The Planning Commission unanimously approved Rice County’s request.

❖ Miscellaneous:

- Special meeting with Union Pacific Railroad on Monday, February 2, 2015 at 3:30pm.
 - Kathleen Doran-Norton discussed the spur line that UP is requesting.
- A CSAH 1 initial planning meeting will be held on February 2, 2015 at 1pm.
- Kathleen Doran-Norton and Glen Castore attended a presentation by Steel Waseca. Kathleen Doran-Norton will look into having Steel Waseca attend a Planning Commission meeting to present information on solar energy.

❖ *Adjournment*

- Jim Rossow made a motion to adjourn, Jeff Stremcha seconded, and all approved. Adjourned at 8:35 pm.
- Next meeting will take place Wednesday, February 25, at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Frances Boehning
Bridgewater Township Clerk.