

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

- ❖ John Klockeman called the meeting to order at 7:05pm. Members present were John Klockeman, Ray Larson, Bruce Morlan, Jim Braun, and Jeff Stremcha.
- ❖ The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- ❖ Ray Larson made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of “Open Meeting Law” under Miscellaneous, Bruce Morlan seconded, all approved.
- ❖ Bruce Morlan made a motion to approve the minutes from June 20, Ray Larson seconded, all approved.
- ❖ Ray Larson made a motion to approve the minutes from July 3, Bruce Morlan seconded, all approved.

- ❖ *Public Hearings – opened at 7:10 am*
 - *Haselton Construction LLC. – Interim use permit mining.*
 - Due to mailing address issues, this hearing was rescheduled to the next meeting in August.

 - *Nathan Watter and Tracy Jenkoman – Interim use permit – Home Occupation (Cidery operation in an existing building) –*
 - The permit is requested to manufacture apple cider including hard cider. There are no plans to sell on site. The product will be sold off site through other dealers. The orchard was planted this year with plans to continue it organically. The by-product will be composted or sold as hog feed.
 - Following a presentation by Nathan Watters, the public hearing was closed at 7:25pm.
 - Bruce Morlan moved to approve the application, Ray Larson seconded and all approved.
 - The commission reviewed the conditions of approval for the cidery. Condition number 4 was revised to state “After 5 years, the product must be 80% derived from crops grown primarily on site.
 - This recommendation will go before the Board of Supervisors on Monday, August 18, 2014.

- ❖ Old Business: Update on Michael DeGroot compliance.
 - The origin of the complaint against DeGroot was an anonymous note left on Trent McCorkell's desk. DeGroot plans to follow through on crushing some cars and installing a fence.

- ❖ Miscellaneous: Open Meeting Law
 - The revised Open Meeting Law will go into effect August 1. This will allow conversations to be carried out over a public forum (i.e. Facebook). Jim Braun is going to talk to a lawyer to get clarification regarding this.

- ❖ *Adjournment*
 - Ray Larson made a motion to adjourn at 8:15pm, Bruce Morlan seconded and all approved.
 - Next meeting will take place August 22, at 7pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Frances Boehning
Bridgewater Township Clerk.