

**Planning Commission Meeting  
Bridgewater Township  
Official Minutes  
Friday, June 20, 2014**

- ❖ John Klockeman called the meeting to order at 7:05pm. Members present were John Klockeman, Ray Larson, Bruce Morlan, Jim Braun, and John Holden.
- ❖ The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- ❖ Ray Larson made a motion to approve the agenda, Bruce Morlan seconded it, all approved.
- ❖ Bruce Morlan made a motion to approve the minutes, Ray Larson seconded it, all approved.
  
- ❖ *Open forum* – Kathleen Doran-Norton mentioned that Steel Waseca was looking into solar arrays. She would like to hold a public forum sometime in mid to late July that would allow for public questions and comments. Kathleen Doran-Norton will request a representative from Steel Waseca to be present to answer questions and provide information on solar arrays.
  
- ❖ *Public Hearings* –
  - *Ryan Johnson – Variance from the front yard setback for an accessory structure* – Public Hearing was opened at 7:13 pm and closed at 8:06 pm.
    - Due to issues with the mailing, this open hearing will need to be continued until the July 9 Board of Supervisors meeting.
    - Jim Braun discussed all of the options that were available to Ryan Johnson for the construction of a garage structure. Due to limitations on the property Ryan Johnson is requesting a variance to place the structure closer to the road. The commissioners discussed the pros and cons and reviewed the plans and photos provided by Ryan Johnson. There is a question of how wide the road is and Jim Olds will look into this and let Jim Braun know. Per Bruce Morlan this open hearing will continue to a time certain. Bruce Morlan made a motion to continue the open hearing on July 3 at 7pm, Ray Larson seconded, and all approved.
  - *Article X, Section 131, K. temporary asphalt Plants, highway Construction yards and equipment placement. To consider amending the time period of TEPP's and adding additional standards* –
    - As stated in the packet, the Ordinance was changed by Carolyn Braun to incorporate the changes requested by the Planning and Zoning Board.
    - The public hearing was opened at 8:07 pm, there were no comments, and the hearing was closed at 8:09pm.

- Bruce Morlan made a motion to accept the Ordinance with the changes as written, Ray Larson seconded and all approved.
  - *To add standards to allow rural events centers.*
  - As stated in the packet, the Ordinance was changed by Carolyn Braun to incorporate the changes requested by the Planning and Zoning Board.
  - The public hearing was opened at 8:10pm and due to no comment, the public hearing was closed at 8:11pm.
  - Bruce Morlan made a motion to accept the Ordinance with the changes as written, Ray Larson seconded and all approved.
- ❖ *Old business - none*
- ❖ *New Business - none*
- ❖ *Miscellaneous:*
- A letter was received from Trent McCorkell regarding the condition of DeGroots property. Jim Braun sent a letter back to Trent McCorkell requesting additional information before we act on the issue.
- ❖ *Adjournment*
- Ray Larson made a motion to adjourn at 8:20pm, Bruce Morlan seconded and all approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Frances Boehning  
Bridgewater Township Clerk.