

**Planning Commission Meeting
Bridgewater Township
Official Minutes
Wednesday, May 27, 2015**

- ❖ John Klockeman called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Members present were John Klockeman, Jim Rossow, Jeff Stremcha, Jim Braun, Kathleen Doran-Norton, Ray Larson, Bruce Morlan, and Frances Boehning.
- ❖ The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- ❖ Jeff Stremcha made a motion to approve the agenda, Ray Larson seconded, all approved.
- ❖ Jeff Stremcha made a motion to strike the Board of Supervisors meeting from the minutes from March 25, 2015, Ray Larson seconded, all approved. Jeff Stremcha made a motion to approve the minutes from March 25, 2015, Ray Larson seconded, all approved.
- ❖ *Open Forum* –
 - None
- ❖ *Public Hearings* –
 - David and Vicky Taylor – Variance request – setback corner lot.
 - Requested approval for addition to current garage.
 - Opened public meeting 7:12pm, no comment, closed public meeting 7:16pm
 - There was a question of the amount of impervious surface with the addition – per Jim Braun the amount is well within the limit.
 - The Taylor request does not infringe on any right of ways.
 - Motion to approve – Bruce Morlan made a motion to approve, Jim Rossow seconded, all approved subject to conditions and findings:
 - Because of the boulevard the structure will appear that it is setback further.
 - The road (Farrel Way) cannot be upgraded to more than a minor residential street, therefore the boulevard will remain.
 - Only possible location due to the septic system in the back yard.
 - The request is consistent with the neighborhood.
 - Would be an enhancement to have the parking area enclosed.
 - Cannot be constructed forward of the front line of the single family dwelling.
 - Must be built of similar materials as the dwelling.
 - Driveway entrance width at the property line cannot be expanded.
- ❖ *Old Business*
 - Solar Array Ordinance – Discussion
 - Jim Braun reviewed what Northfield and Rice County are permitting.
 - Rice County Commissioners are only allowing arrays in the Ag zone.
 - Will be allowed as a conditional use permit.
 - Carolyn Braun has been collecting information on this.
 - Discussed interim use permits versus conditional use permits
 - Jim Braun will have Carolyn Braun complete a rough draft for the next meeting
 - Rice County will be meeting next week – Kathleen Doran-Norton will attend and bring up the following:
 - Structure certification by an engineer
 - Sun setting provision
 - Where they can be located

- Other
 - A request was made to request the Board of Supervisors revise the overall Comp Plan.
 - Jeff Stremcha made a motion to have the Board of Supervisors upgrade the Comp Plan, Bruce Morlan seconded, all approved.
- ❖ New Business
 - Setbacks in Rural Residential Zone from a public Road. – Jim Braun reviewed current setbacks and pointed out possible issues. This will be revised and presented during the next meeting.
 - Accessory building size limitations on small lots and subdivisions. – Jim Braun will present recommendation during the next meeting.
- ❖ Miscellaneous:
 - Bruce Morlan mentioned a new mountain bike trail system between Dundas and Northfield.
 - Kathleen Doran-Norton mentioned an upcoming Rice County Open House meeting to be held on June 18, 5:30-7:30pm at the NCRC room 104-105. The meeting will cover proposed issues with County Road 1.
- ❖ *Adjournment*
 - Meeting was adjourned at 8:26pm; Ray Larson made a motion to adjourn, Bruce Morlan seconded and all approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Frances Boehning
Bridgewater Township Clerk.