

BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
Bridgewater Township Government Center
Thursday, November 30, 2017
Official Minutes

- ❖ John Klockeman called the meeting to order at 7:00
- ❖ Members present were John Klockeman, Larry Alderks, Bruce Morlan, Kurt Schrader, Jim Braun, Frances Boehning, Gary Ebling, and John Holden.
- ❖ Larry Alderks made a motion to approve the agenda, Bruce Morlan seconded, all approved.
- ❖ Larry Alderks made a motion to approve the minutes of October 26, 2017 with revisions, Bruce Morlan seconded, all approved.

- ❖ Open Forum: None

- ❖ Public Hearings – 7:10 pm: Keepsake Cidery
 - Original approval of their C.U.P. was in 2014.
 - The history of the permit and Cidery was reviewed.
 - Nate Waters reviewed the history of his business and the future of it. Reviewed the business necessity of having tastings and their importance to the future growth of the company. The current plan is to have limited tastings on the weekends, dependent on the weather, from May through December. There is also plans to have one special tasting in the winter.
 - Larry Alderks questioned the possibility of wedding/special occasion events? Per Nate Waters, they are only small event oriented and not currently interested in being a wedding venue.
 - Nate Water reviewed current parking and driveway limitations. The driveway is shared with neighbors. Current plans include expanding on-site parking. The neighbors were present and approving of the idea.
 - Current neighbors are concerned with ensuring that guests of Keepsake Cidery do not wander onto their property and requested that noise levels be kept down especially after 9pm.
 - Jim Braun reviewed the state regulations regarding this type of business.
 - Nate Waters indicated that he would like to have retail sales on –site also in addition to food sales.
 - The main issues regarding this C.U.P include hours of operation, noise level, parking signage, and safety.
- ❖ Public Hearing closed at 7:38pm.
 - Bruce Morlan stated that he is current member of Keepsake Cidery.

- John Klockmen noted that he has visited Keepsake Cidery.
- Per Jim Braun, the current C.U.P was originally created to run for five years.
- The following changes were made to the Staff Report and Resolution 2014-11;
 - Per item 1.- The Cidery is working with Advanced Septic to ensure that all state regulations are met with regards to public sanitation.
 - Per item 2. – No outside activities after 9:00pm or before 8:00am and no amplified music after 8:00pm.
 - Per item 4. – This will be removed.
 - Per item 3.- The “no outside activity on weekends” will be removed.
 - Per item 6 – The I.U.P currently allows only 1 employee; this will be changed to 5 employees.
 - Per item 7. – Retail sales will be allowed.
 - Per item 8. – The Cidery will follow all farm and winery state regulations.
 - Per item 9. - Tasting events will be allowed.
 - Per item 10. – This item will be removed.
 - Per item 14. – The I.U.P and insurance will run until December 1, 2022.
- Larry Alderks made a motion to approve the amended I.U.P, Bruce Morlan seconded, all approved.

❖ New Business

- Discussion on Dredge Materials; Paul Machajewski, Dredged Materials Manager.
 - The Army Corp of Engineer’s office representatives reviewed the dredging of the Mississippi.
 - Reviewed the challenges of finding locations to place dredged material/sand.
 - The sand would be free; however, the recipient would need to pay for shipping. There is the possibility of future subsidies by the government to offset the cost of shipping.
 - Gary Ebling suggested going to the County Boards and suggesting that this is a way to fill old gravel pits.
 - The suggestion was made to invite the Army Corps of Engineers to the next Intergovernmental Meeting.
- Joint Meeting with Board of Supervisors:
 - As Kathleen Doran-Norton was not present, the joint meeting will be held at a later date.
 - Gary Ebling would like to place the comp plan items into a calendar in early 2018.
 - Gary Ebling suggested a future discussion regarding the future of commercial and economic development in the township.
- Discussion on Permanent and Temporary Structure setbacks in all districts:
 - A discussion was held regarding a recent car port that was placed too close to the lot line.
 - A discussion needs to be held regarding what defines a permanent structure. This needs to be determined prior to discussing setbacks.

❖ Adjournment – Motion to adjourn by acclamation at 9:52pm.