

Planning Commission Meeting
Bridgewater Township
Official Minutes
Wednesday, October 28, 2015

- ❖ John Klockeman called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Members present were John Klockeman, Jeff Stremcha, Bruce Morlan, Jim Rossow, Jim Braun, Carolyn Braun, Kathleen Doran-Norton, Ray Larson, and Frances Boehning.
- ❖ The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- ❖ Jeff Stremcha made a motion to approve the agenda, Bruce Morlan seconded, all approved.
- ❖ Bruce Morlan made a motion to approve the minutes from August 26, 2015, Jeff Stremcha seconded, all approved.
- ❖ Open Forum – none.

- ❖ Public Hearing - None

- ❖ Old Business
 - Update on proposed Rice Creek Overlay District ordinance
 - Carolyn Braun reviewed the motion proposed by the Board of Supervisors during the October 14 meeting.
 - John Klockeman approved the suggestion by Ross Grothe to have Mr. Grothe act as a point person to coordinate the farmers to organize and appoint representatives to a joint committee.
 - Jim Braun proposed having a meeting/work session with Planning and Zoning, the Board of Supervisors, and staff to set a process to revise the Rice Creek Overlay District ordinance.
 - Jeff Stremcha made a motion to have a small group form a process to carry out the motion made by the Board of Supervisors on October 14, Bruce Morlan seconded, all approved. The process will be brought to the Board of Supervisors for approval. The small group will be made of the following people; Ray Larson, Bruce Morlan, Gary Ebling, Jim Braun, Carolyn Braun, Frances Boehning, and Ross Grothe.

 - Community Solar Garden
 - The ordinance was reviewed
 - Discussed and requested changes from Carolyn Braun
 - Requested language to be included to have all units reviewed by a Minnesota structural engineer.
 - Jim Braun will check with other jurisdiction to review their ordinance.

 - Maximum size for accessory structures
 - The suggestion was made to hold a public meeting at the same time as the meeting for the Solar Ordinance.

- ❖ New Business
 - Rice County Comprehensive Plan Update
 - Kathleen Doran Norton reviewed when Rice County will hold public meetings regarding the new Comprehensive Plan.
 - Suggested ideas to bring to Rice County
 - ◆ Remove urban reserve areas
 - ◆ Rural event center clarification
 - ◆ Quantify the percent of land in city versus agriculture
 - ◆ Effects of climate change on water
 - ◆ Cluster housing

- ◆ Comis junction
- ◆ Unreclaimed dumps
- ◆ Railway expansion
- ◆ Mill Town Trail overlay
- ◆ Agriculture related business criteria
- ◆ Water resources
- ◆ Transportation
- ◆ Plan for growth
- ◆ Consider conservation zones (i.e. Dakota County)
- Kathleen Doran Norton will create a resolution to take to the Board of Supervisors

➤ Miscellaneous – None

➤ Jeff Stremcha made a motion to adjourn at 8:35pm, Bruce Morlan seconded, all approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Frances Boehning
Bridgewater Township Clerk.