

BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
Bridgewater Township Government Center
Thursday, February 28, 2018
Official Minutes

- ❖ John Klockeman called the meeting to order at 7:00
- ❖ Members present were John Klockeman, Ray Larson, Larry Alderks, Jeff Johnson, Kurt Schrader, Frances Boehning, and Jim Braun. Supervisors present were Gary Ebling, Glen Castore, and John Holden.
- ❖ Frances Boehning made a motion to approve the agenda with changes, Ray Larson seconded, all approved.
- ❖ Larry Alderks made a motion to approve the minutes of January 31, 2018, Kurt Schrader seconded, all approved.

- ❖ Open Forum: None. Closed at 7:03 pm.

- ❖ Public Hearings: None.

- ❖ Old Business:
 - Incorporation Meeting: Larry Alderks reviewed the Incorporation and Land Use meeting held on Wednesday, February 27th.

- ❖ New Business:
 - Comprehensive Plan Discussion – Glen Castore reviewed the schedule of getting a comprehensive plan together by the end of July 2019. The expected plan will be divided into sections and approximately 30 pages in length. The main sections will include:
 - Land Use
 - Economic Development
 - Parks & Recreation
 - Environmental Resources
 - Housing/Industrial/Agriculture
 - Transportation
 - Following up on the Incorporation meetings, there will be a meeting held in April to update the public and provide answers to any remaining questions. A final meeting will be held in September to answer why the Township is or is not proceeding with an application for incorporation.

- A steering committee for the Comprehensive Plan meetings was created. The members will include; John Klockeman, Jeff Johnson, Glen Castore, and Frances Boehning.
 - It was determined that public meetings to review the comprehensive plan sections would be held on the last Saturday of the month for four months. The following Saturday meeting dates and topics are:
 - March 30th; Land Use and Economic Development (including external factors pressuring the township)
 - April 27th; Parks & Rec. and Environmental Resources (including gravel pits, landfill, weather events, and flooding)
 - May 25th; Housing/Industrial/Agriculture
 - June 29th; Transportation
 - Notice of incomplete application – New Energy Equity
 - Jim Braun reviewed the reason that the solar application from New Energy Equity was rejected. The application was not complete. Jim Braun spoke with the representative and detailed the sections that needed to be completed before it could come before the Planning Commission.
 - Possible New Members
 - Larry Alderks noted that there may be other people interested in joining the planning commission.
- ❖ Miscellaneous:
- Recommendations.
 - Larry Alderks asked if the Planning Commission should always provide a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors on an issue or if it could be forwarded without recommendation. Per the Supervisors, the Planning Commission should always provide a recommendation one way or the other.
- ❖ Adjourn - Jeff Johnson made a motion to adjourn at 7:57 pm, Ray Larson seconded, all approved.