

**BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP**  
**PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING**  
*Bridgewater Township Government Center*  
*Thursday, February 27, 2020*  
*Official Minutes*

- ❖ John Klockeman called the meeting to order at 7:00
- ❖ Members present were John Klockeman, Ray Larson, Larry Alderks, Jeff Johnson, Frances Boehning, Bruce Morlan, and Jim & Carolyn Braun. Supervisors present Gary Ebling and Kathleen Kopseng.
- ❖ Bruce Morlan made a motion to approve the agenda with an addition to the miscellaneous section, Jeff Johnson seconded, all approved.
- ❖ Jeff Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes of January 30, 2020, Larry Alderks seconded the motion, all approved.
- ❖ Open Forum: None, closed at 7:02 pm.
- ❖ Public Hearings: None
- ❖ Old Business:
  - Town Code Review
    - Carolyn Braun reviewed the updates related to the town code amendment process.
      - It was noted that Rice Cty does not have a standard for solar gardens but Carolyn Braun will review a recent C.U.P from Rice Cty to determine what standards were used. Bridgewater Township passed a moratorium on solar during the last Board of Supervisors meeting.
      - As Rice County is still using CER's for land, the town ship will continue to use them also.
    - The differences between an interim and conditional use permit were discussed.
    - A review of land uses in various districts was discussed.
      - Uses allowed in the township versus Rice County was reviewed.
      - Rural Event Centers
        - A request was made to look into the possibility of a tiered level depending on use.
      - Multi-family
        - The Township is not ready to permit this at this time.
        - A receiving area would need to be determined.
        - A request was made to add multi-family housing into the new Comp Plan.
      - Supervised residential facility
        - It was noted that there is a need for this in the township.

- As with Multi-family, this need to be stated in the Comp Plan.
- Standards will need to be created for this along with receiving areas.
- Indoor School Bus Storage
  - This should be allowed in the township with a C.U.P.
- Larry Alderks requested that an item covering all private sports be created. (this is in response to the item: Soccer Club, private)
- Mining
  - More discussion will need to be held regarding expanding mining into new locations.
- Motor Sports
  - John Klockeman noted that restoration standards would need to be created to repair the land after the use is done. Carolyn Braun will look into examples of this type of standard.
- Seasonal Roadside Stand
  - Suggested that this be allowed in the AG area and with an I.U.P. in the UR area.
- A request was made for the Commissioners to read through all of the definitions provided and provide feedback.
- A discussion was held regarding how a C.U.P would be revoked. Per Carolyn Braun, a public hearing would need to be held to accomplish this.
- Jim Braun reviewed the list of properties out of compliance. Letters will be sent to the owners to bring the area into compliance. Mr. Braun requested that if any of the Commissioners see something concerning, please contact Jim to let him know so that he can look into it.

❖ New Business: None

❖ Miscellaneous:

- Northfield Planning and Zoning
  - Bruce Morlan noted that information provided regarding the Northfield Waste Water Treatment plant was very useful in talking to boards and commissions in Northfield.
- March meeting
  - The next meeting will take place on March 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Work Session
  - A work session was scheduled for Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 am.

❖ Adjourn – Bruce Morlan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 pm, Jeff Johnson seconded, all approved.