

BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
Bridgewater Township Government Center
Thursday, June 27, 2019
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, Bruce Morlan, and Jim Braun. Supervisors present were Gary Ebling, Glen Castore, and John Holden.
- ❖ Larry Alderks made a motion to approve the agenda with additions to the Miscellaneous section, Bruce Morlan seconded, all approved.
- ❖ Larry Alderks made a motion to approve the minutes with the following change; correct Bruce Morlan's name, Bruce Morlan seconded the motion, all approved.

- ❖ Open Forum: None.

- ❖ Public Hearings: None.

- ❖ Old Business: None

- ❖ New Business:
 - Inventory of Gravel Pits – Active and Inactive
 - Jim Braun reviewed the current list of active and inactive gravel pits in the township. There are eight C.U. Ps that were issued by Rice County for mining. Of these, six are inactive and are not anticipated to open again. The two remaining (Johnson and DeGroot) could still be used.
 - Jim Braun will work with Keith Johnson regarding his gravel pit.
 - Mr. Braun reviewed the list of nine gravel pits under Bridgewater Township Conditional Use Permits. Six of the gravel pits are owned by SMC/OMG and active. Two other pits are active and owned by BMI/Heselton and IMS/Quamme. The remaining Milwaukee Pit is inactive and being reclaimed.
 - The gravel pits owned by SMC/OMG currently have too many cells in operation. Jim Braun will work with the owners to correct this and begin restoration.
 - Discussion of Pit Restoration – Judson Minnesota
 - A discussion was held regarding the reclamation of old gravel pits. Pictures were reviewed of the old Judson gravel pit.

❖ Miscellaneous:

- Review land use component draft of the comprehensive plan
 - The minutes from the land use comp plan public meeting were reviewed.
 - A discussion was held regarding agriculture in the township and changes since 2007.
 - Bruce Morlan mentioned sequestration (i.e. cover crop) and the possibility of the Township working with Northfield to explore carbon off sets.
 - A short discussion was held regarding best farming practices and what Ag should look like.
 - While agricultures will remain a top priority, industry could help support it.

- Compliance Updates
 - Jim Braun reviewed properties that are in need of cleaning up and repairs.
 - Letters will be sent to homeowners to get the areas cleaned up and repaired.
 - It was noted that the yard at the 1st Timberlane house was mowed.

- Inspections
 - Kurt Schrader mentioned that a contractor was having trouble reaching an inspector. Unfortunately, the contractor was calling Greg Swanson. The correct information will be forwarded.

❖ Adjourn – Larry Alderks made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Ray Larson seconded, all approved.