

*Bridgewater Township Planning Commission
County of Rice, State of Minnesota
May 27, 2021
Official Minutes*

- ❖ John Klockeman called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
- ❖ Members present were Kurt Schrader, Larry Alderks, Frances Boehning, Ray Larson, Bruce Morlan and John Klockeman. Supervisor present was Mike Little. Staff present was Cindy Nash.
- ❖ Guests: Tony Rowan (Greenvale Township Supervisor)

- ❖ Bruce Morlan made a motion to approve the agenda, Larry Alderks seconded, motion approved.
- ❖ Bruce Morlan made a motion to approve the minutes of April 29, 2021, Larry Alderks seconded, motion approved.
- ❖ The Open Forum was opened and closed at 7:07 pm. No comments.

- ❖ Public Hearing: None

- ❖ Old Business:
 - Industrial Zone Update
 - Cindy Nash reviewed the current Rice County Light Industrial ordinance.
 - A discussion was held regarding general types of buildings used by industries. It was determined that post frame buildings should not be permitted as these types of structures are not permanent. Also noted was that all buildings will need to meet MN State Building Codes.
 - Mike Little added a request that lighting constraints and screening from residential be included in the standards.
 - Cindy Nash suggested that these standards be added to the Township ordinance.
 - Bruce Morlan recommended the addition of a “dark sky” standard.
 - Larry Alderks questioned if solar and wind energy would be allowed also. Cindy Nash replied that yes, they would be allowed.

 - Table 508-1 was reviewed with the following items to be included (as permitted or I.U.P) in the Rice County ordinance:
 - Single family detached dwelling
 - Facility for supervised residential program
 - Farm buildings
 - Ag tourism business, conditional
 - Ag tourism business, permitted
 - Ag use
 - Ag oriented business
 - Feedlots
 - Food sales/service located on a CSA farm
 - Campground, private
 - Flying field for radio-controlled aircraft
 - Archery range, outdoor
 - Gun or archery range, indoor
 - Paint ball course
 - Riding and boarding stable
 - Ski slope, snowboarding, tubing, or sledding hills, private

- Soccer club area, private
- Public recreational area
- Agriculturally based therapeutic services uses
- Auto & recreational equipment & vehicle: sales & repair
- Auto service stations
- Auto parts sales, indoor only
- Auto repair, auto body repair
- Cabinet, carpentry shops
- Contractor's office
- Contractor's yard with outdoor storage
- Indoor vehicle storage
- Limited manufacturing, including light assembly and packing
- Liquefied petroleum gas distribution services
- Offices, professional (if connected to other uses)
- Printing & publishing
- Railroad switching yards and repair spurs
- Recycling or composting facilities
- Truck terminal & cartage facility
- Upholstering, furniture repair or restoration
- Veterinary clinic
- Warehousing & distribution
- Essential public services with/without towers and transmission lines
- Government buildings
- Communications tower
- Solar energy production
- Wind energy generation facilities and towers
- Temporary meteorological test towers and equipment
- Domestic pets up to 6 animals
- Home day care for up to 14 persons
- Home occupation, permitted and conditional
- Outdoor storage
- Room & board facility, max. 2 persons
- Other temporary uses
- Grant in aid parking area and/or trailhead
- Antennas, including satellite dishes
- Detached garages, storage sheds, outbuildings
- Farm drainage systems, flood control and watershed structures, erosion control structures
- Fuel storage, containerized or build for use on site and under 1000 gal.
- Private airstrip
- Private swimming pool, tennis court, recreational facilities accessory to a dwelling
- Signs meeting standards
- Seasonal roadside stands for sales of farm products primarily produced upon the premises
- Solar equipment
- Temporary farm dwelling (mobile home)
- A request was made to include something in the standards that ensure that outdoor storage is kept neat and orderly

- Ordinance update
 - Cindy Nash reviewed that she will send a redline comparison of our ordinances versus Rice Cty to the Planning Commissioners next month.
- Elder Cottage
 - Cindy Nash reviewed the requests from area residents asking for an accessory dwelling to accommodate an elderly relative or caretaker.
 - A short discussion was held regarding the pros and cons and the current ordinance restrictions.
 - Further work on this will be scheduled after the ordinance revisions are completed and the industrial zone ordinance is complete.
- Bike Trails
 - Larry Alderks updated the Commission regarding new developments in the area bike trails.
 - Bruce Morlas suggested bringing in a speaker to a later meeting that can address the future plans of the bike trails.
- ❖ Updates and Miscellaneous
 - Jesse Jacobson IUP
 - Ray Larson asked what was going to be done about the state of Jesse Jacobson's site. There is concern regarding the number of cars and the general state of disorder.
 - This will be addressed in a future meeting and a suggestion was made to have Jesse Jacobson address the Commissioners.

Bruce Morlan made a motion to adjourn, Kurt Schrader seconded, motion approved.