

Bridgewater Township Planning Commission Work Session
County of Rice, State of Minnesota
June 23, 2022
Official Minutes

- 1) Call to order
- 2) Roll Call: John Klockeman, Larry Alderks, Ray Larson, Jeff Johnson, Kurt Schrader, Bruce Morlan, Cindy Nash, Frances Boehning. Bridgewater Supervisors Glen Castore, Kathleen Kopseng.
- 3) Old Business
 - a) Rural Industrial Ordinance
 - i) Larry Alderks reviewed his list of concerns.
 - ii) A discussion was held regarding how much oversight should be written into the ordinance and how much should be left to the discretion of a future Board.
 - iii) Cindy Nash reviewed examples of the possible layouts for businesses and how areas are developed.
 - iv) The pros and cons of the development of a master plan was discussed.
 - v) A short discussion was held regarding a transportation plan and the number of access points that should be allowed off of main roads.
 - vi) A request was made to increase the minimum lot size to 10 acres and the minimum impervious surface area to 75%.
 - vii) Another ordinance will address tree coverage and limiting light pollution.
 - b) Comprehensive Plan
 - i) Some of the maps to be included in the comp plan have not been added. A request was made to add a new road map and future land use map also.
 - ii) On page 4, language should be added regarding land annexed.
 - iii) Larry Alderks suggested that language be added regarding green initiatives, cover crop, and no-till in the Land Use section.
 - (1) A request was made to add language regarding best practices in farming. It was noted that the Township could incentivize best practices.
 - iv) John Klockeman suggested adding language regarding the importance of buffers along waterways.
 - v) John Klockeman asked if there was still a greenway map between cities. This was an idea discussed in the past.
 - vi) Larry Alderks suggested the addition of emergency procedures during a natural disaster.
 - vii) A request was made to add in the statement that roads will be maintained for the use of all types of vehicles.
 - c) A request was made to have Cindy Nash review the proposed Rural Industrial Ordinance and confirm that it works with the new comp plan.
 - i) Bruce Morlan suggested adding the Rural Industrial map to the comp plan.

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