

*Bridgewater Township Planning Commission
County of Rice, State of Minnesota
July 28, 2022
Official Minutes*

- 1) Call to order
- 2) Roll Call: John Klockeman, Larry Alderks, Ray Larson, Jeff Johnson, Kurt Schrader, Bruce Morlan, Nate Watters, Cindy Nash, Frances Boehning, Mike Little (Ex-officio). Bridgewater Supervisors: Glen Castore, Kathleen Kopseng. Guests: Henry Bull.
- 3) Approval of agenda
 - a) Jeff Johnson made a motion to approve the agenda, Bruce Morlan seconded, all approved.
- 4) Approval of Minutes: June 30, 2022
 - a) Bruce Morlan made a motion to approve the minutes of June 30, 2022, Jeff Johnson seconded, all approved.
- 5) Open Forum:
 - a) Henry Bull (resident of 135th Street) expressed concern regarding the lack of dust control. There is significant dust created by customers of Keepsake Cidery and he believed that the application of dust control was part of the conditional use permit. Mr. Bull would like to know why dust control was not applied and how the situation will be remedied. The Supervisors will contact Mr. Bull to resolve.
 - b) The open forum was closed at 7:08 pm.
- 6) Public Hearing:
 - a) Rural Industrial Ordinance
 - i) As there was no public in attendance the hearing was opened and closed at 7:09 pm.
 - ii) Cindy Nash reviewed that the changes requested last month have been included in the final draft.
 - iii) Parking and tree preservation will be addressed in a different ordinance at a later meeting.
 - iv) Larry Alderks made a motion to approve the Rural Industrial Ordinance, Jeff Johnson seconded, all approved.
- 7) Old Business
 - a) Comprehensive Plan
 - i) Bruce Morlan asked that attention be paid to limited resources such as water and gravel. The Commission should also look at top soil sustainability.
 - ii) Glen Castore noted that the Township has partnered with Clean River Partners to encourage sustainability.
 - iii) A suggestion was made to have the Township monitor the level of the aquifers.
 - iv) A suggestion was made to add language regarding green buffers around the industrial areas and throughout the Township.
 - v) A request was made to add language regarding forming a partnership to clean up the old landfill.
 - vi) A suggestion was made to move surface water to the environment page.
 - vii) A request was made to spell out acronyms.
 - viii) Glen Castore commented that the framework should include direction to be thoughtful in directing a diverse agriculture.

- ix) A suggestion was made to include the creation of a north/south transportation route.
 - x) John Klockeman stated that pages 1-8 would be reviewed at the August 25th meeting and the remainder of the plan reviewed at the September meeting after which it will be sent on to the Board of Supervisors.
- b) Accessory Dwelling Unit Ordinance
- i) Cindy Nash reviewed the current Rice County draft of the accessory dwelling unit ordinance.
 - ii) A discussion was held regarding if a second dwelling should be allowed and if a maximum size should be required. The discussion also reviewed what would happen to the structures after the need for the original purpose has passed.
 - iii) John Klockeman reminded the Commissioners to think about the future of the Township and land use.
- 8) Updates and Miscellaneous
- a) Bruce Morlan reviewed questions that have come up regarding H.O.A covenants. The Township does not enforce covenants. A suggestion was made to add language to the permit application directing residents to check for covenants in the neighborhood.

Adjourn – Larry Alderks made a motion to adjourn at 9:01 pm, Jeff Johnson seconded, all approved.