

*Bridgewater Township Planning Commission
County of Rice, State of Minnesota
October 27, 2022
Official Minutes*

- 1) Call to order
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance
- 3) Roll Call: John Klockeman, Larry Alderks, Bruce Morlan, Ray Larson, Nate Watters. Ex-officio Supervisor Kathleen Kopseng, Frances Boehning, and Cindy Nash. Guests; Glen Castore.
- 4) Approval of Agenda
 - a) Bruce Morlan made a motion to approve the agenda, Larry Alderks seconded, all approved.
- 5) Approval of Minutes: September 29, 2022
 - a) Bruce Morlan made a motion to approve the minutes of September 29, 2022, Larry Alderks seconded, all approved.
- 6) Open Forum: Closed at 7:05 pm – no comments.
- 7) Public Hearing: None
- 8) Old Business
 - a) Comprehensive Plan
 - i) Cindy Nash reviewed the comments submitted by Commissioners.
 - (1) Discussion was held as the plan was reviewed in detail.
 - (2) A request was made to add a section on Extractive Uses including soil and water.
 - (3) A discussion was held regarding the need for a change in language to refer to the end of the land fill lifecycle as remediation instead of closure.
 - (4) A suggestion was made to add a Quality-of-Life section to the plan. This section would incorporate parts of the Good Neighbor policy.
 - (5) The Commissions worked through page 12 and provided changes to Cindy Nash.
 - (6) The remainder of the plan will be reviewed at a later meeting.
 - b) ADU discussion
 - i) A discussion was held regarding the purpose of accessory dwelling units and how long they should be permitted.
 - ii) There is concern regarding the possibility of decaying properties. It was noted that the Township has a method to remediate properties that are in disrepair.
 - iii) The discussion will continue at the December meeting.
 - c) Rural Industrial update

- i) Glen Castore reviewed the RLS proposed project. Despite concerns regarding greenfield, the project is moving forward.
- ii) The project will be done in three phases beginning in 2023.
- iii) The Township will engage an engineering firm to represent the Township in discussions with RLS.
- iv) There are ongoing discussions regarding 140th Street.

- d) Jesse Jacobson – I.U.P – updates – moved to December.
- e) Keith Johnson – Auto Salvage - updates – moved to December.

9) New Business – None

10) Updates and Miscellaneous

- a) The Rural Industrial rezoning will be added to an upcoming meeting.

11) Adjourn

- a) Larry Alderks made a motion to adjourn at 9:57, Ray Larson seconded, all approved.