

*Bridgewater Township Planning Commission
County of Rice, State of Minnesota
December 1, 2022
Official Minutes*

- 1) Call to order
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance
- 3) Roll Call: John Klockeman, Kurt Schrader, Jeff Johnson, Bruce Morlan, Ray Larson, Nate Watters. Ex-Officio Mike Little, Staff Cindy Nash, Lori Noreen, and Frances Boehning. Guests: Mark Henderson, Julie Buchwald, Schwab
- 4) Approval of Agenda
 - a) Bruce Morlan made a motion to approve the agenda, Jeff Johnson seconded, all approved.
- 5) Approval of Minutes: October 27, 2022:
 - a) Jeff Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes of October 27, 2022, Bruce Morlan seconded, all approved.
- 6) Open Forum: Closed at 7:03p.m. – no comments
- 7) Public Hearing: Opened at 7:06p.m. Closed at 7:34p.m.
 - a) Rezone Rural Industrial Property for Conrad parcel
 - i) Cindy Nash explained that Rice County has already approved to rezone the property in October 2022 therefore it was her recommendation for BWT to approve rezoning the parcel from Agricultural to Rural Industrial.
 - ii) Mark Henderson expressed his concern of what the area will look like. He and his wife were there to learn a little more about the entire Rural Industrial Property.
 - iii) Adding the Conrad parcel will create a total acreage of approximately 350-400 acres
 - iv) Jeff Johnson made a motion to approve the Rezoning of the Conrad parcel, Bruce Morlan seconded the motion, all approved.
 - b) ADU Ordinance:
 - i) Cindy Nash reviewed her red lines in the ADU Draft.
 - ii) There was a discussion regarding the purpose of accessory dwelling units on properties; Julie Buchwald expressed her desire for one so she can live on the property of her aging parents to help care for them if/when needed. Mr Schwab was also supportive of ADU's.
 - iii) There was a discussion regarding having a limit to the unit size of an ADU. Cindy Nash explained that the size limit can always be amended at a later date if needed or wanted.
 - iv) Bruce Morlan made a motion to approve the ADU Ordinance, Jeff Johnson seconded the motion, all approved.
 - v) It will be brought to the Board of Supervisors at their next meeting.
- 8) Old Business

a) Rural Industrial update

i) Cindy Nash stated that this is still progressing with no real updates of note.

9) New Business - None

10) Updates and Miscellaneous – The next meeting will be held on Thursday, January 26, 2023.

Adjourn – John Klockeman adjourned the meeting at 8:12pm