

*Bridgewater Township Planning Commission  
County of Rice, State of Minnesota  
August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024  
Official Minutes*

- 1) Call to order
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance
- 3) Roll Call: John Klockeman, Bruce Morlan, Kurt Schrader, Ray Larson, Nate Watters, Mike Little, Emily Fulton-Foley, Ex-Officio Supervisor Kathleen Kopseng, Cindy Nash, Lori Noreen
- 4) Approval of Agenda
  - a) Bruce Morlan made a motion to approve the Agenda, Ray Larson seconded, all approved.
- 5) Approval of Minutes: April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024
  - a) Bruce Morlan made a motion to approve the minutes of April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Mike Little seconded, all approved.
- 6) Open Forum
  - a) The Open Forum was opened and closed at 7:02pm. No Comments.
- 7) Public Hearing:
  - a) Feine Variance
    - i) Cindy Nash explained the purpose of the Variance request by Calvin Feine with recommended conditions.
    - ii) The Public Hearing was opened at 7:06pm
      - (1) Mr. Feine was in attendance and answered questions directed at him from the Commission.
      - (2) No other comments were made.
    - iii) The Public Hearing was closed at 7:17pm
    - iv) Discussion was held regarding the 2<sup>nd</sup> condition of the trees located between the proposed garage and 124<sup>th</sup> Ct E. remain in good condition. It was discussed to remove said condition.
    - v) Mike Little made a motion to approve the Feine Variance after removing Condition #2, Bruce Morlan seconded, all approved as amended.
    - vi) The Variance request will be reviewed at the September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Board of Supervisors Meeting.
  - b) Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Northfield Preliminary Plat, CUP and Variance
    - i) Cindy Nash reviewed the purpose of the Preliminary Plat, Conditional Use Permit and Variance for the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship to the Commission
    - ii) The Public Hearing was opened at 7:25pm
      - (1) No Comments were made.
    - iii) The Public Hearing was closed at 7:27pm
    - iv) Stuart Shrimpton, Architect for the UUFN project provided information regarding the reasoning for the addition the Church is requesting to build to the Commission.
    - v) Discussion was held with questions addressed to Mr. Shrimpton as well as church representatives.

- vi) Each item was reviewed by the Commission. It was discussed to add “maintain compliance with the Township’s Ordinances” as a condition to the CUP.
- vii) Kurt Schrader made a motion to approve the Preliminary and Final Plat with the conditions recommended by the Zoning Administrator, Ray Larson seconded, all approved.
- viii) Ray Larson made a motion to approve the Variance for the Unitarian Fellowship of Northfield, Mike Little seconded, all approved.
- ix) Bruce Morlan made a motion to approve the CUP after adding “maintaining compliance with the Township’s Ordinances” as a condition, Mike Little seconded, all approved as amended.
- x) The Preliminary Plat, CUP and Variance will be reviewed at the September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Board of Supervisors Meeting.

8) Old Business

- a) Glen Castore updated the Commissioners on the CORE X Partners project noting that an escrow agreement has been signed and things are moving forward. He stated that there is the potential for a public hearing at the next Planning & Zoning Meeting in September for the CUP and Height Variance for CORE X. Glen also noted that there will be a meeting with Drew Greenberg in the near future which the Planning & Zoning Commissioners will be invited to attend.

9) New Business

- a) Glen Castore provided information regarding a potential “Affordable Housing” project in Bridgewater Township. It was noted that it is in the early stages, but the meetings held have been positive.

10) Updates and Miscellaneous

- a) Mike Little, Emily Fulton-Foley and Ex-Officio Supervisor Kathleen Kopseng were welcomed to the Committee as it was their first meeting in their new roles.
- b) Bruce Morlan noted that there has not been much going on as it pertains to the Dundas Planning Commission.

Adjourn

- Nate Watters made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:23pm, Mike Little seconded, all approved.