

BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
Bridgewater Township Government Center
Thursday, January 25th, 2018
Official Minutes

- ❖ John Klockeman called the meeting to order at 7:00
- ❖ Members present were John Klockeman, Larry Alderks, Ray Larson, Bruce Morlan, Jeff Johnson, Kurt Schrader, Jim Braun, Frances Boehning, Kathleen Doran-Norton, and Gary Ebling.
- ❖ Ray Larson made a motion to approve the agenda, Bruce Morlan seconded, all approved.
- ❖ Larry Alderks made a motion to approve the minutes of November 30, 2017, Bruce Morlan seconded, all approved.

- ❖ Larry Alderks made a motion to appoint John Klockeman as Chair and Bruce Morlan as Vice-Chair, Kurt Schrader seconded, all approved.

- ❖ Open Forum: None

- ❖ Public Hearings – None

- ❖ New Business
 - Set special/joint meeting with Board of Supervisors – joint meeting will occur on Saturday, March 17, 10:30am. This meeting will be a planning and training session.
 - Development proposal from Edward Koltavy.
 - Mr. Koltavy would like to see Comus junction revived as a possible housing development or commercial area.
 - Mr. Koltavy reviewed information from Trent McCorkel at Rice County. Per McCorkel, Rice County would like to know what the township plans are for this area.
 - Beacon maps were reviewed to determine what is currently happening in the area and what the topography is.
 - Jim Braun will provide SMC's phone number to Koltavy to follow up with SMC to determine if they are interested in any future mining applications.
 - Gary Ebling suggested that a Supervisor speak with McCorkel to determine Rice Counties interested and restrictions for the area.
 - Kathleen Doran-Norton requested that the Planning Commission give the Board a recommendation.
 - Kathleen Doran-Norton suggested that a future industrial zoning overlay be considered.
 - John Klockeman suggested sections 31, 32 (to hwy 3), and 29 be considered for a rural commercial industrial overlay. (see red line map attached)

- Jeff Johnson made a motion to move forward with a proposal to the Board of Supervisor to research the creation of an approximate 950 acre rural commercial industrial overlay (per red line map attached), with standards to be developed after further discussion, Kurt Schrader seconded the motion, all approved.
 - Kathleen Doran-Norton noted that residents of the township would be involved in future discussion regarding this.

- ❖ Request from Larry Alderks to discuss a process to generate ideas for future development.
 - A discussion was held regarding the City of Northfield's possible future development. A recent Northfield News article was discussed.

- ❖ Old Business
 - County Comp Plan
 - Rice County is still in the process on completing their comp plan.

- ❖ Miscellaneous
 - Sample review of zoning chapter in Town Code draft.
 - Carolyn Braun will email the draft for the Commissioners to review.

 - Updates on compliance actions
 - Jim Braun is working with a property on Dundas Blvd that is blighted. Jim arranged for a person with a truck to assist in hauling some of the junk to the dump. The homeowner will pay for the dump fee.
 - Regarding a new car port on a township property – Carolyn Braun proposed a change to the ordinance to define “portable”. The owner must prove that the structure is moveable. This will be reviewed at a later meeting.

- ❖ Adjournment – Larry Alderks made a motion to adjourn, Ray Larson seconded, all approved.
9:15pm