

**Bridgewater Township Project Meeting**  
**County of Rice, State of Minnesota**  
**September 24, 2018**  
**Official Minutes**

Call to order at 1:00pm

Roll Call: John Holden, Glen Castore, Gary Ebling, Jake Gillen, Galen Malecha, Kathy Feldbrugge, Kathleen Doran-Norton, and Frances Boehning

- Meeting with Rice County Commissioners
  - Gary Ebling reviewed past work between Bridgewater Township and Rice County regarding the issue of old C.U.Ps issued by Rice County.
  - The concern is there is not a clearly defined statement of who has final authority over the old C.U.Ps.
  - A request was made to have Galen Malecha and Jake Gillen bring the issue up with the Rice County Board of Commissioners to obtain a final agreement regarding who has authority over these C.U.Ps.
- Comp Plan Update
  - Galen Malecha requested that any comments regarding the upcoming Comp Plan be addressed to the Commissioners, Julie Runkle, and Sara Folstad.
  - Any Planning and Zoning changes requested should include references to cluster housing, industrial and commercial areas and reference to the current housing and economic plan.
  - All requests should be given to Rice County by mid-October.
  - Jake Gillen noted that the legacy fund could be used for the Hoover Dump.
- Strategy Study Project
  - Glen Castore reviewed the strategy study project and current annexation agreements with Northfield and Dundas.
  - Galen Malecha and Jake Gillen expressed support for the direction the Township is taking.
- Road Conversion
  - Gary Ebling reviewed the current Township and County roads.
  - A discussion was held regarding why Decker should be turned back to Rice County. It was noted that Decker could form the west side of a ring road around the cities.
  - Galen Malecha will bring up the turn back of Decker at the next meeting with Rice County, MnDot and the Legislators on October 30.
- Storm Damage
  - Kathleen Doran-Norton asked where residents can dump tree matter from the recent storm.
  - Galen Malecha noted that Rice County was working on getting private land to dump tree matter on. One possible site was the rodeo grounds on Hwy 3.
  - Galen suggested that the township talk to Jennifer Hauer Schmitz to see where to get reimbursed to use private land for tree matter. She may also have a contact to help older residents get rid of trees.
- Jake Gillen, Galen Malecha, Kathy Feldbrugge, and Kathleen Doran-Norton left the meeting while Brent and Mike Aspenwall, Brad Sanford, and Perry Collins joined the Board of Supervisors.
  - Gary Ebling reviewed the areas that were hardest hit by the September 20<sup>th</sup> tornadoes.
  - Brent Aspenwall noted that tree services available will be spotty as they are overwhelmed with work currently.
  - The Steam and Gas site has provided space to place tree matter until a company can come to chip and haul it away.
  - An outside company will be engaged to come to the site to chip and haul away all tree matter. The specific company has not been identified. There may be a mobilization charge around \$5000 to clean up debris from the Steam and Gas site.
  - Perry Collins stated that he would source a company to come in and chip and haul away the tree matter.

- Aspenwall Tree Service and Castle Rock Tree Service have been engaged to clean up debris from the road right of way and deliver to the Steam and Gas site.
- A large sign stating “No Public Dumping, No Trespassing” will be posted at the Steam and Gas site.
- Both tree service companies will be working by the hour. Perry Collins stated that he would be charging \$68 per hour.
- Gary Ebling will work with Roger from the Steam and Gas site to confirm where the dump site will be.
- The Township will determine where the right of way ends and mark the area with pink paint.
  - Anything marked with pink paint should be removed while trees marked white will be left.
- Per Glen Castore, the focus should be on storm damage and not any other standing trees in the right of way.
- The priority list in order of importance is; First – Eaton, Upper Oak Hills, Lower Oak Hills, Bittersweet, Timberlane, and last will be Wendwood.

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