

**BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND PLANNING COMMISSION JOINT WORK SESSION  
MINUTES OF WORK SESSION  
TUESDAY, MARCH 25, 2008**

The joint work session of the Board of Trustees and Planning Commission convened at 7:15 p.m. at Bridgewater Township Hall, 10990 Clinton Road, MI 49236.

Present: Planning Commission Chair and Trustee Dave Faust, Trustee Amy Riley, and Commissioners Laurie Fromhart and Henry Jordan.

Absent: Supervisor Jolea Mull, Clerk Cynthia Carver, Treasurer Shelly Pike, and Commissioners Chris Brown, Deb Corwin, Mark Iwanicki and Tom Wharam.

Also Present: County Planner Mark Roby and Township Planner Sally Elmiger.

The purpose of the work session was to discuss the Manchester Community Joint Planning Commission's map and goals. Roby presented a draft map of existing land uses for the Village of Manchester and the Townships of Bridgewater, Freedom and Manchester. The draft map presented the proposed integrated land use categories for the region. County planning staff analyzed existing land use maps for each jurisdiction to form the basis of a new future land use map development. Land uses were consolidated into a single classification set.

Roby presented a series of questions pertaining to all jurisdictions and those specific to Bridgewater to assist in completing the draft map. Members discussed and answered the questions to provide feedback regarding the proposed consolidation of land use categories. Roby also provided proposed definitions for land use categories for Bridgewater Township. Members discussed the proposed definitions and adopted several changes to existing land use categories.

Members also discussed the following:

- Feedback needed on the proposed land use definition for the Agricultural category.
- Land use map should be parcel specific.
- Identify floodplains through the use of an overlay map.
- The number of dwelling units per acre per land use category.
- Expand the definition of Local Commercial to serve local residents.
- Expand the definition of Light Industrial to include the preservation of the Township's rural and agricultural setting.
- Move the area designated for Local Commercial along US 12 closer to the Village of Clinton. (possibly designate this area as Highway Commercial or General Commercial).
- Identify areas in the Hamlet for High Density Residential.
- Remove the designated area for High Density Residential near US 12 & Lima Center Road.
- Determination of acceptable density that will support well and septic.
- The question of whether private community wastewater systems should be included as a characteristic of the High Density Residential land use category.
- The question of whether public water and sewer should be a characteristic of the Medium Density Residential land use category.
- Add a separate land use category for Recreation.
- Place Conservation Preservation under the Natural Features District.

Due to the late hour there was no discussion regarding the proposed ordinance for the storage of hazardous materials.

The work session adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Minutes by Laurie Fromhart