

**BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP  
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2025  
MINUTES**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** - Meeting was called to order at 7:18 pm.
- II. **ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM** - Horney, Greenwald, Oliver, present. Barbu and Iwanicki absent. Quorum obtained. Township Zoning Commissioner, Werner and Planning Consultant, Nanney, were present.
- III. **REVIEW AND APPROVE AGENDA** – Oliver moved, Horney seconded, to approve the agenda. Approved by unanimous vote.
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Horney moved, Oliver seconded, to approve the August 18, 2025 Planning Committee minutes as amended. Approved by unanimous vote.
- V. **CITIZEN PARTICIPATION** – Ross Mellgren from NRM commented on expansion of the Peltcs property. Tyler Durgan and Tara Meyer with Invenergy were in attendance but did not comment.
- VI. **PUBLIC HEARINGS** – None
- VII. **OLD BUSINESS** – Regarding Invenergy’s desire to develop a solar farm within the Township, the Board recommended that the Commission return to the original Solar Ordinance of 2021, without proposed amendments dated March, 2025. No Public Hearing will be scheduled.  
  
Regarding Gerken Minerals: Last month’s Public Hearing was for their SLU. Gerken’s license renewal is a separate issue. The PC concensus was to have more members present before voting on each of these matters.
- VIII. **NEW BUSINESS** – A Federal Fire Arms Dealer would like a home based business within the Township. Nanny presented Ordinance No 67 with suggested amendments to include provisions for Firearms Dealers. Greenwald moved and Horney seconded, to schedule a Public Hearing for October 20, 2025. It passed unanimously.
- IX. **COMMUNICATIONS** –
  - A. Zoning Administrator’s Report – Carl Werner submitted the August report.
  - B. Planning Commission Consultant Report – Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) is a grant and loan program for farmers and rural businesses interested in making energy efficiency improvements.
  - C. Trustees Report – A proposed data center in Saline Township (bordering on Bridgewater Township) was turned down by Saline Township.
- IX. **PUBLIC COMMENT** – NONE
- X. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS** – Dave Horney, announced he will be stepping down as Planning Commission Chairman in December (the end of the calendar year). Horney stated he will help support the transition of a new chairperson. The next Planning Commission meeting will be held on October 20, 2025, at 7:00 pm.
- XI. **ADJOURNMENT** – Motion to adjourn was made by Horney, seconded by Oliver, and passed by unanimous vote. Meeting adjourned at 9:22 pm.

APPROVED