

CREDIT RIVER MOURNS THE DEATH OF BOARD MEMBER BRUCE NILSEN

Credit River Township board member Bruce Nilsen died yesterday after a lengthy battle with cancer.

Nilsen was first elected to the township board in 2004 and served nine years until 2013. During part of his tenure he also served as vice chair of the board.

“Bruce originally joined the board during a period of rapid development,” said fellow Credit River Township board member, Brent Lawrence. “He was especially passionate about finding the right balance between orderly housing development and natural resource concerns of the township’s rural property owners.”

In September 2015, Nilsen returned to the board to fill out the unexpired term of another Credit River Township board member, Tom Kraft, following Kraft’s sudden death in a work-related accident.

According to Credit River Township board chair Chris Kostik, Nilsen had planned to remain on the board only until a successor could be elected during the upcoming annual township election on March 8.

“Bruce was passionate about Credit River Township, as evidenced by his willingness to fill-out the unexpired term after Tom Kraft’s death,” said Kostik. “He will be greatly missed.”

Nilsen is survived by his wife, Kim. Funeral arrangements are pending.