

April 30, 2019 Planning Commission Minutes

Royalton Township Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

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Approved

7:03 p.m., 30 April 2019, Chair Leslie Orvis called the Royalton Township regular planning commission meeting to order, with Members Jeff Schlaeger, Priscilla Schneider, Duane Swanson, and Gary Valvoda present. Supervisor Wayne Olson, Supervisor Marshall Pearson and Road Superintendent Dan Saumer also attended.

Member Valvoda moved, Member Schneider seconded, to approve the agenda as printed, with the addition of solar panels. The motion carried unanimously.

Member Valvoda read the minutes of the 26 March 2019 regular meeting. Member Schlaeger moved, Member Valvoda seconded, to approve the minutes as read. The motion carried unanimously.

Member Schlaeger moved, Member Valvoda seconded, to approve the minutes of the 9 April 2019 working commission meeting as distributed. The motion carried unanimously.

Old Business:

After discussion, it was concluded by consensus to postpone chloriding of Maple Shores for this year. After two years of application, it was decided to see how omitting one year would affect the condition of the road. Grading would again be minimized.

There was nothing to report on the policy review and levy/equipment funds.

New Business:

Clerk Swanson noted that Pine County had completed its initial draft of a county-wide zoning ordinance and would hold two hearings on it. Although applicable county-wide, townships would be able to opt-in or opt-out. Member Valvoda volunteered to attend the hearing in Pine City on 9 May and Chair Orvis volunteered to attend the hearing in Askov on 13 May. Copies of the draft ordinance are available at the office.

Clerk Swanson noted that Pine County had approved updates to the Subsurface Sewage Treatment Systems ordinance; townships with their own septic inspection must review the changes and make certain that their ordinances are at least as restrictive as that of the county. Clerk Swanson moved, Member Schneider seconded, to request that the board direct the commission to review the changes and recommend whether or not changes need to be made to Royalton's ordinance. The motion carried unanimously.

Chair Orvis noted that he and John Kemen had been approached by a resident along Brunswick Road who is considering building a solar array. Much discussion ensued, centering on the size, how transmission lines might be affected, how do our ordinances relate, and whether or not it would require a conditional use permit. The commission will wait for instructions from the board before studying this issue.

Chair Orvis called a working commission meeting for 6:30 p.m., 14 May 2019, to address ordinance issues.

FYI:

The next regular planning commission meeting is 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, 28 May 2019.

At 7:27 p.m., Member Schlaeger moved, Clerk Swanson seconded, to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Duane P. Swanson, Clerk/Member

Leslie Orvis, Chair/Member

Jeff Schlaeger, Member

Priscilla Schneider, Member

Gary Valvoda, Member