

July 10, 2018 Working Planning Commission Minutes

Royalton Township Working Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

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6:30 p.m., 10 July 2018, Chair Leslie Orvis convened the Royalton Township working planning commission meeting with members Jeff Schlaeger, Priscilla Schneider, Duane Swanson, and Gary Valvoda present. Also present were Supervisor Wayne Olson and Wayde Lerbs.

Wayde Lerbs explained his request for an interim use permit to mine sand and gravel from his property off Frost Drive. The request, in conjunction with Dick Doenz, would be for a seven year permit, beginning from the date of approval of the permit. Because of the potentially large quantity of material to be extracted, this would be a commercial mining operation, as defined by the township's zoning ordinance. The commission, following the language of its ordinance, then discussed each of the general factors upon which an interim is to be judged: its relationship to the town's comprehensive plan, the need not to create an excessive demand on public services and facilities, the specific requirements of the designated use, and the imposition of additional restrictions or conditions. Mr. Lerbs answered all questions and indicated his familiarity with Royalton's ordinances, his intent to reclaim the land in accordance with the commercial mining section of the zoning ordinance, and his willingness to respond to future questions of the commission and/or board. Responses to specific requirements will be covered in the findings of fact to be drafted and presented to a public hearing and to the commission and board. Discussion centered on the need for further clarification of a possible buffer zone regarding the creek running through the property. Chair Orvis was directed to investigate potential regulations regarding this issue and report back at the next commission meeting. Chair Orvis thanked Mr. Lerbs for participating in the meeting; Mr. Lerbs left the meeting at this time.

Chair Orvis asked for discussion on a township clean-up day. Considerable discussion centered on the purpose of this day, its costs, and its relationship to Pine County recycling and hazardous waste programs. Members noted that the concept followed the township's attempts to improve property values by asking residents to clean up their properties, that this would be an educational effort that may have to take several years, and that its results may not be immediately significant. More thought and study needs to be given to this concept.

Clerk Swanson, at the request of Michelle Oquist, shared a survey of the Thomas Belland property. Mrs. Oquist requested that the township consider the current cartway along the east

side of the property for a town road preliminary to the subdividing of the property. Zoning Administrator John Kemen had been involved in these discussions with the Belland family. Mrs. Oquist will be present at a future commission and board meeting with additional details. Members expressed concerns about the need for a township road in this location and noted that before any consideration could be given to taking it over as a town road the current cartway must be brought up to town road specifications.

Supervisor Olson noted that the Eagle Lane turnaround issue remains with legal counsel and that more details will be forthcoming.

Chair Orvis noted that the budget and levy discussion will be postponed.

The condition of 540th Street and its current status was discussed. It was suggested that a letter be sent to Nessel Township regarding this issue. Clerk Swanson requested that Supervisor Olson draft the specific points to be addressed in this letter.

Regarding smoking on town grounds and the leaving of cigarette butts, members asked if the policies were on the application form. Clerk Swanson distributed the current application, noting that smoking was prohibited within 30 feet of the building and that renters were responsible for any cleanup required.

After substantial discussion about fireproofing the records room, Clerk Swanson was asked to investigate the purchase of a fireproof file cabinet instead of attempting to fireproof the storage room. The commission recognized that this might be a short term response but that it would be a start to address the retention of records issue.

At 8:05 p.m., the meeting concluded.

Respectfully submitted:

Duane P. Swanson, Clerk/Member

Leslie Orvis, Chair/Member

Gary Valvoda, Member

Jeff Schlaeger, Member

Priscilla Schneider, Member