

May 26, 2020 Planning Commission Minutes

Royalton Township Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

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Approved

7:00 p.m., 26 May 2020, Chair Leslie Orvis called the Royalton Township regular planning commission meeting to order with Members Jeff Schlaeger, Priscilla Schneider, and Gary Valvoda, and Clerk Duane Swanson present. Zoning Administrator John Kemen, Supervisor Wayne Olson, Supervisor Marshall Pearson, Septic Inspector Amy Thompson, and Road Superintendent Dan Saumer also attended.

Clerk Swanson moved, Member Valvoda seconded, to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Member Schlaeger moved, Member Valvoda seconded, to approve the minutes of the public hearing of 28 April 2020 as distributed. The motion carried unanimously.

Member Valvoda read the minutes of the 28 April 2020 regular commission meeting. Member Schneider moved, Member Valvoda seconded, to approve the minutes as read. The motion carried unanimously.

Member Schlaeger moved, Member Schneider seconded, to approve the minutes of the working commission meeting of 12 May 2020 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Old Business:

Zoning Administrator Kemen explained the easement request of Jerry Effertz for land south of Apple Road (PID 290280000) dated 13 April 2020. This issue had been postponed from the April commission meeting. Administrator Kemen noted that all aspects meet the requirements of the ordinance. Mr. Effertz further explained his request. Clerk Swanson moved, Member Schlaeger seconded, to recommend approval to the board. The motion carried unanimously.

No activities had occurred on the Saumer land subdivision proposal or the Gross/McFerran easement possibility. There were no updates on the solar energy ordinance, policies or levy/equipment funds.

New Business:

Chair Orvis and Clerk Swanson explained that the township had been informed by Pine County that a variance request had been received for a building addition at 9453 Riverbed Road. Because this property lies within the Shoreland District, it is in the jurisdiction of Pine County, but Royalton has an opportunity to comment. Discussion occurred about whether or not two septic sites would still be available. Septic Inspector Thompson said that this was possible

depending on the construction layout and would have to be agreed to by the county. Chair Orvis sits on the county zoning board and will represent Royalton's interest in this matter. By consensus, it was recommended to thank the county for notifying the township of this request without expressing a recommendation on the variance.

Administrator Kemen and Chair Orvis then discussed the issue of temporary structures, noting that there is meat in the ordinance that the structures do not comply with the "look" of the neighborhood. Administrator Kemen noted that the structures can easily become airborne and thus, debris, to adjoining landowners. Because these temporary structures are not assessed as "buildings", Administrator Kemen opined that legal counsel recommend appropriate language that might be used to regulate such structures. The board will consider this issue.

Chair Orvis scheduled a working commission meeting for 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, 16 June 2020. Agenda items will include further studies of a solar energy ordinance and plastic structures.

FYI:

The next regular planning commission meeting is 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, 30 June 2020.

At 7:29 p.m., Member Valvoda moved, Member Schlaeger 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