

November 26, 2019 Planning Commission Minutes

Royalton Township Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

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Approved

7:00 p.m., 26 November 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 Schlaeger moved, Member Valvoda seconded, to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously

Member Valvoda read the minutes of the 29 October 2019 regular meeting. Member Schneider moved, Member Schlaeger seconded, to approve the minutes as read. The motion carried unanimously.

Member Valvoda moved, Member Schneider seconded, to approve the minutes of the 19 November 2019 working planning commission meeting with the inclusion of a signature footer on page 1. The motion carried unanimously.

Old Business:

Chair Orvis noted that additional septic information had been received regarding the Pangerl/Nordby land subdivision proposal. Septic Inspector Angela Tvedt reported that she was able to locate two septic sites on PID 29017000 but noted that the sites are "very limited" and recommended that the "septic system [be] designed first and properly marked off to preserve the site areas." Zoning Administrator John Kemen had not reviewed the proposal. After discussion, Member Schlaeger moved, Clerk Swanson seconded, to recommend to the board to approve the subdivision proposal contingent on Mr. Kemen's approval and to include Septic Inspector Tvedt's cautionary language in the approval motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Chair Orvis reviewed the discussion on the proposed solar energy ordinance as discussed at the working meeting. Additional language from Pine County's draft zoning ordinance was reviewed. The commission liked the county language on commercial systems and will continue to review the issue.

There were no updates on policies or levy/equipment funds.

New Business:

Chair Orvis presented proposed resolution 2019-6 authorizing the appointment of a vice chair of the board of supervisors. Passage of this resolution confirms the practice of appointing a vice

chair that Royalton is already doing. Member Valvoda moved, Clerk Swanson seconded, to recommend approval to the board. The motion carried unanimously.

Chair Orvis presented proposed resolution 2019-7 declaring that Columbus Day and the day after Thanksgiving are not holidays so that business may be conducted on them. This resolution follows the recommendation of the Minnesota Association of Townships. Clerk Swanson moved, Member Valvoda seconded, to recommend approval to the board. The motion carried unanimously.

The commission discussed at length the proposal by the Pine County board to take over assessing of all parcels in the county. Town board chair Olson shared a message that he had sent to Commissioner Josh Mohr opposing this proposal. The commission encouraged the town board to continue to oppose this proposal, in part because the present system is working well, preserves local control, and is more cost efficient.

Chair Orvis called a working planning commission meeting for 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, 3 December 2019.

FYI:

The next regular planning commission meeting is 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, 17 December 2019.

At 7:24 p.m., Member Schneider 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