

September 24, 2019 Planning Commission Minutes

Royalton Township Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

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Approved

7:02 p.m., 24 September 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, Zoning Administrator John Kemen, Road Superintendent Dan Saumer, and Assistant Road Superintendent Alex Anderson also attended.

Member Schneider moved, Member Valvoda seconded, to approve the agenda with the addition of Kevin W. McFerran (Interim Use Permit) and Pine City Township. The motion carried unanimously.

Member Valvoda read the minutes of the 27 August 2019 regular meeting. Member Schlaeger moved, Member Schneider seconded, to approve the minutes as read. The motion carried unanimously.

Member Valvoda read the minutes of the 27 August 2019 public hearing. Member Schneider moved, Member Valvoda seconded, to approve the public hearing minutes as printed. The motion carried unanimously.

Member Schlaeger moved, Member Schneider seconded, to approve the minutes of the 10 September 2019 working planning commission minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

Old Business:

Chair Orvis reviewed the discussion on the proposed solar energy ordinance as discussed at the working meeting. Clerk Swanson noted that per the discussion at the working commission meeting, he had composed a preliminary first draft of an ordinance governing rooftop or ground mount systems. This draft includes some definitions not discussed at the meeting. It will be the basis for continued discussion. Solar gardens and solar farms will be discussed at a later meeting.

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

New Business:

Kevin W. McFerran was present to update the commission on a possible interim use permit for a metal fabrication shop on his property abutting Pokegama Lake Road near Canary Road. At present, Mr. McFerran envisions a small shop (approximately 40 x 80) for a maximum of three employees. He hopes to begin construction next spring. Zoning Administrator Kemen has been

in discussion with the applicant to explain ordinance issues, including the possible need to combine two of Mr. McFerran's three adjacent parcels to accommodate siting of the building on the property line. Chair Orvis thanked Mr. McFerran for attending the meeting.

Clerk Swanson noted that the Chair of Pine City Township had informed Royalton that the township would be updating its Comprehensive Land Use Plan of 1992 and would share a draft with Royalton before a public hearing was scheduled.

Chair Orvis scheduled a working commission meeting for 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, 8 October 2019. The major agenda item will be the proposed solar energy ordinance.

FYI:

The next regular planning commission meeting is 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, 29 October 2019.

At 7:21 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