

October 12, 2016 Working Planning Comm Minutes

Royalton Township Working Planning Commission Meeting

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Approved

The Royalton Township Planning Commission convened in working session at 6:30 p.m., 12 October 2016, with members Leslie Orvis, Jeff Schlaeger, Duane Swanson, and Gary Valvoda present. Also present was Priscilla Schneider.

The dust control issue on Maple Shores Drive continued to be discussed. Calcium chloride lasts longer; sodium chloride creates more dust, beet sugar may have to be applied several times; magnesium chloride erodes steel. The committee suggests that discussions continue with calcium chloride as probably the best possible alternative. Gary had investigated some prices: Pokegama Township appears to have spent upwards of \$90,000. This needs to be verified (plus how it is paid for). Assuming a 16 foot road, probably only the middle twelve feet should be chlorided so that the chloride does not harm the vegetation on the shoulder. Could we, or the residents, apply it our/themselves for cheaper than someone hired? Maple Shores has 20 houses and is 0.6 mile long. The houses are only on a portion of that mileage. There was general consensus that the Planning Commission should recommend that the Board seriously consider a "test" experiment with this parcel of road in 2017. This experiment should require resident approval before being considered and would not be precedent-setting for other roads.

The road superintendent job description was discussed again. It was suggested that the title be "Road Superintendent" and that a statement be made that this includes duties as equipment operator, maintenance person, and snow plow operator. Under "Needed" the statement "Employee authorization for the township to verify annually the applicant's state driving record" should be added in place of the existing "State driving record must be provided to township." Also, a statement "Secondary operator will receive instructions from the road superintendent" will be added to the bottom of the list of duties. Duane will work with Clerk Roberta Folkestad to update the draft for the commission's final approval at its regular meeting.

Building inspector fees were not discussed pending Zoning Administrator John Kemen's discussions with Marshall Lind.

Gary and Les are enrolled in a summit about solar farms scheduled for 9 November. Commission discussions will occur after that meeting.

Other items noted: The septic system was pumped today (but was the shed system hooked into the town hall system or does that need to be pumped separately?). With the recent rash of break-ins in the township, security is being installed in the shed.

At 7:40 p.m., the working meeting concluded.

Respectfully submitted,

Duane P. Swanson, Secretary pro-tempore

Chair Leslie Orvis

Member Gary Valvoda

Member Jeff Schlaeger