

Royalton Township Working Planning Commission Meeting Minutes
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Approved

6:30 p.m., 5 January 2021, Chair Leslie Orvis convened the Royalton Township working planning commission meeting with members Jeff Schlaeger, Priscilla Schneider, Duane Swanson, and Gary Valvoda present. Supervisor Marshall Pearson also attended. Social distancing was observed and masks were worn.

The commission reviewed Draft #5 of the proposed ordinance regarding solar energy systems. Supervisor Pearson noted his questions. Regarding Section 3, wording in the table will be changed to clarify that accessory building permits are required and, for Shorelands, that Pine County may require permits but that township accessory permits are required. In Section 4, "Permit applications shall include a sketch drawing of the proposed installation" will be added to all three subdivisions to ensure that a record will be maintained of what was requested. In Section 5F, add "Any and all required fencing will be included in the accessory permit cost" to clarify that a separate fencing permit will not be required. In Section 6C, "accessory" will be added to clarify what type of permit is required. In Section 6G2, the same fencing wording as above will be added. A new section will be added referencing the enforcement section of the zoning ordinance. Clerk Swanson will make these additions and present draft #6 at the next regular meeting.

The commission discussed the possibility of developing a policy regarding land splits suggesting that all land splits must be reviewed at a working commission meeting so that proper time and study can be given to them. The working commission discussion will then result in a recommendation at a regular commission meeting which will be forwarded to the board. Such a policy would eliminate land split proposals being added to the commission and board agendas at the last minute and would allow time for review.

Lack of time prevented a review of existing policies.

At 8:30 p.m., the meeting concluded.

Respectfully submitted,

Duane P. Swanson, Clerk/Member

Leslie Orvis, Chair/Member

Jeff Schlaeger, Member

Priscilla Schneider, Member

Gary Valvoda, Member