

Royalton Township Planning Commission Meeting Minutes
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31 May 2022
Approved

7:00 p.m., 31 May 2022, Chair Leslie Orvis called the Royalton Township regular planning commission meeting to order with Members Jeff Schlaeger, Priscilla Schneider, Gary Valvoda, and Clerk Duane Swanson present. Supervisor Wayne Olson, Supervisor Marshall Pearson, Road Superintendent Dan Saumer, Septic Administrator Amy Thompson, Deputy Clerk Andrea Anderson, and members of the public also attended.

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

Member Valvoda moved, Member Schneider seconded, to approve the minutes of the 26 April 2022 commission meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Member Schneider moved, Member Schlaeger seconded, to approve the minutes of the 3 May 2022 working commission meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Old Business:

Member Valvoda moved, Clerk Swanson seconded, to recommend to the board approval of the 3 May 2022 draft of the permit flow chart. The motion carried unanimously.

The working meeting is still reviewing the nonpermanent structure issue. Expiration of permits will be eliminated from the agenda as the building official is handling that for building permits and the septic administrator will handle for septic concerns. The Gardner minor subdivision request will be removed from the agenda until the owners initiate further action.

Regarding 1605 Royal Heights Lane, after discussion, the commission recommended that further action be delayed until the county mandates have been implemented. Regarding 1702 Royal Heights Lane, Chair Orvis moved, Member Valvoda seconded, to recommend to the board approval of the draft letter regarding the need for building permits, etc. The motion carried unanimously.

The commission discussed at length Caleb Anderson's response to the township's letters regarding two minor subdivision approvals for which the township had added contingencies to prevent parcels from potentially being landlocked. The commission concluded that the township's files are in order and adequately state the town's positions and that those conditions appear to have been ignored by the county.

New Business:

Member Schlaeger updated the commission on the work of the committee studying establishment of a fire district, noting that the lack of transparency with the Pine City Fire Department continues and that over 200 calls had been handled but less than \$30,000 had been collected. Clerk Swanson introduced the draft of Resolution 2022-5 supporting the continued study of a proposal to establish a fire district. This draft follows in substance the resolution recommended by the representatives of Pine City Fire Department's constituent entities. Member Schlaeger noted that this resolution does not commit the town to any specific course of action. Clerk Swanson moved, Member Valvoda seconded, to recommend to the board approval of the draft resolution. The motion carried unanimously.

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Chair Orvis called the next working commission meeting for 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, 21 June 2022. The principal agenda topic will be nonpermanent structures, for which Zoning Administrator John Kemen's input will be critical.

FYI:

The next regular planning commission meeting is 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, 28 June 2022.

At 7:30 p.m., Member Schneider moved, Member Valvoda 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