

Royalton Township Working Planning Commission Meeting Minutes
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Approved

6:35 p.m., 12 July 2022, Chair Leslie Orvis convened the Royalton Township working planning commission meeting with Members Jeff Schlaeger, Priscilla Schneider, Duane Swanson, and Gary Valvoda present. Supervisor Wayne Olson and Deputy Clerk Andrea Anderson attended. Septic Administrator Amy Thompson joined the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

Chair Orvis noted that the board had directed the commission to review the permit diagram for the possible addition of statements relating to timelines. Much discussion ensued, centering on whether or not timelines were realistic and how they would be enforced and implemented. There seemed to be consensus that timelines were a good guide but that they should be on a separate internal document not published on the website. It was stressed that the diagram was a work-in-progress and subject to revision by the board each month, should the need arise. The commission concluded to keep the diagram as presently constituted and to recommend at its formal meeting that the board authorize its mounting on the website.

A series of questions were asked resulting in the following information: The courtesy letter authorized by the board to Bill Saumer has been sent; no reply is needed or expected at this time. Septic Administrator Thompson noted that she had been told that a purchase agreement for 4201 State Highway 70 had been concluded in principle, that a septic compliance inspection was scheduled, and that a possible land split request may result from this purchase. This appears to place on hold any action relating to the conditional/interim use permit requested by the township. The issue of manufactured home trailer parks needs to be more thoroughly investigated: What is the role of the township, of the building inspector, and of the zoning administrator? Clerk Swanson reported that Supervisor Marshall Pearson had extended discussions with individuals and contractors; a meeting had been held with Building Official Andy Schreder (Clerk Swanson and one of Rum River's inspectors were also present); Supervisor Pearson had received a reply from Building Official Schreder about the issues addressed at the meeting. Supervisor Pearson will be making a report at the next board meeting.

A brief discussion about what constitutes an "agricultural" structure led into further comments about nonpermanent structures. More study is needed. Supervisor Olson pointed out his earlier research, especially into definitions. Members had copies of two handouts; Deputy Clerk Anderson made and distributed copies of a third – "Urban Agriculture and Backyard Season Extenders." Members were encouraged to review these documents. As the commission deliberations move forward, it was suggested that issues to be considered included thickness of plastic and what sorts of animals are or are not allowed.

At 8:05 p.m., Chair Orvis concluded the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Duane P. Swanson, Clerk/Member

Leslie Orvis, Chair/Member

Jeff Schlaeger, Member

Priscilla Schneider, Member

Gary Valvoda, Member