

Royalton Township Planning Commission Meeting Minutes  
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30 August 2022  
Approved

7:00 p.m., 30 August 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, Septic Administrator Amy Thompson, Zoning Administrator John Kemen, Road Superintendent Dan Saumer, 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 July 2022 commission meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Member Valvodsa moved, Member Schlaeger seconded, to approve the minutes of the 16 August 2022 working commission meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Old Business:

By consensus, the permit checklist time frame issue was removed from the agenda.

The non-permanent structures issue requires more study and will be on the agenda for the next working meeting.

No additional information had been received about the wedding barn venue proposal; it will be removed from the agenda. [During the board meeting following, a presentation was made on the proposal, which was referred to the planning commission.]

New Business:

Bill Saumer presented his request for a minor subdivision of PID 290243000 by removing the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter of section 23 and attaching it to lot 1 of PID 290244001 in accordance with a Rough Lot Sketch by Hancock Surveying, dated 27 August 2022. It was noted that corner markers exist for the northeast and southeast corners of the PID 290243000 parcel. This proposal had been brought to the working commission meeting of 16 August. Zoning Administrator Kemen voiced his approval of the subdivision. It was noted that soil boring reports on Lot 1 had been previously reviewed and accepted; therefore, no borings need be done on the parcel to be joined. The issue of lot 3 remains undetermined but does not factor into this request. After discussion, Clerk Swanson moved, Member Valvoda seconded, to recommend to the board approval of this request with the caveats that the 40+ acre parcel to be added is not buildable at this time and that the 40-acre parcel be attached to lot #1. The motion carried unanimously.

No additional information had been received on the Airbnb proposal; this issue will be removed from the agenda pending further data.

Chair Orvis noted that the working meeting had discussed the issue of turning back septic inspections to the county and that the commission members, being polled individually, unanimously recommended that the authority remain with the township. The opinion of the commission was that the county is doing, at best, a substandard practice of enforcement.

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Chair Orvis called the next working commission meeting for 6:30 p.m., 13 September 2022, to continue discussions on the nonpermanent structure issues.

FYI:

The next regular planning commission meeting is 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, 27 September 2022.

At 7:14 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