

Royalton Township Working Planning Commission Meeting Minutes  
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Approved

6:30 p.m., 13 September 2022, Chair Leslie Orvis convened the Royalton Township working planning commission meeting with Members Jeff Schlaeger, Priscilla Schneider, Duane Swanson, and Gary Valvoda present. Septic Administrator Amy Thompson and Deputy Clerk Andrea Anderson also attended.

Aimee Perreault-Smith and Daniel Smith were present to discuss their proposal for a wedding barn venue on their property at 110 Greeley Road. Commission members had reviewed their business plan as previously submitted. The Smiths had previously talked with County Engineer Mark LeBrun about the speed limit on Greeley Road; Mr. LeBrun referred them to the state for required studies. There was discussion about access to the property off 540<sup>th</sup> Street rather than Greeley Road. There appeared general agreement that access off the township road was safer. There also appeared to be general agreement that some sort of barrier along Greeley Road was advantageous. The Smiths will not be using the venue for cooking, only catering is anticipated. This obviates the need for state Health Department intervention. Their use of the second floor of the barn is currently undecided. No outdoor music is planned.

Septic Administrator Thompson explained that a septic permit would need to be issued and that two perc tests would be required to locate potential sites for the mound. At this time, she saw no need for any special requirements, noting that size of the system would depend on number of guests and usage.

The commission explained that other permits would be needed, beginning with a site permit from Zoning Administrator John Kemen. Administrator Kemen would be the point person for any conditional/interim use permits. The Smiths received a copy of the ordinance section on conditional/interim use permits which contains data on what questions would be asked during the consideration of such a permit application. If access is from 540<sup>th</sup> a driveway permit and, possibly, a culvert permit would be necessary. Eventually, a building permit from the township's building official would be required. Possible signage and lighting issues were also discussed. Commission members thanked the Smiths for their thoroughness in planning and encouraged them to continue to refine their project. At 7:10 p.m., the Smiths departed the meeting.

Administrator Thompson updated the commission on the status of the two remaining Roger Teich systems; one (8623 Woodland Road) has been completed. Mr. and Mrs. Teich will be receiving a service of process and notice of imminent health threat violation for the system at 11367 Wildflower. The notice outlines what must be done within 15 days and what must be completed within 10 months in order to avoid penalties.

Variances in general were discussed. Royalton has a history of approving very few variances and then only under extraordinary circumstances. The commission noted that no fee has been set for a variance application, the study of which could involve substantial time and expense.

A general discussion followed about the status of roads, policing needs, and zoning issues.

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At 7:55 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