

Royalton Township Planning Commission Meeting Minutes
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13 December 2022
Approved

7:02 p.m., 13 December 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, Road Superintendent Dan Saumer, Zoning Administrator John Kemen, and members of the public also attended.

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

Member Schneider moved, Member Valvoda seconded, to approve the minutes of the 29 November 2022 regular commission meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Old Business:

Chair Orvis noted that he would have draft language on a proposed ordinance update on non-permanent structures for discussion at the January working meeting.

There have been no further updates from Cole Newman on his minor subdivision request. Zoning Administrator Kemen will contact him to reiterate the commission's concerns regarding septic placement and proposed boundary lines.

Chair Orvis noted that the sign permit and variance applications for Chris and John DeGray would be discussed as a package. He opined that variances were solely a board responsibility and that these should be passed to the board for discussion. Supervisor Pearson remarked that while he supported the variance requests, he felt that the distances should be measured from the center line of the road rather than the edge of the current driving surface, which may change over time. There was general support for that interpretation. Member Valvoda noted that, according to the ordinance, the board would have to issue a finding of fact in support of the variances. Member Valvoda moved, Member Schneider seconded, to forward this issue to the board without recommendation. The motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

There were no other items of new business.

Chair Orvis reminded the commission that the next working commission meeting will be 6:30 p.m., 10 January 2023. Items on the agenda include non-permanent structures and updates to the site permit application.

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FYI:

The next regular planning commission meeting is 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, 31 January 2023 [**Note correction of date from that announced in December's agenda.**]

At 7:17 p.m., Member Valvoda moved, Member Schlaeger 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