

**MINUTES
OF
ROYALTON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
WORKING MEETING
July 16, 2024 – 6:30 p.m.
6052 Royalton Road, Braham, MN 55006**

Chair Les Orvis called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Members present were Gary Valvoda, Priscilla Schneider, John Graham, and Jessica Johnson. Also present was Septic Inspector Amy Thompson. Introductions were made.

Member Johnson asked who the township's legal representative is; if it is the MN Township Association attorneys or, if it is Attorney Kevin Hofstad. Questions were asked about administrative fines and the attorneys' interpretation.

Campground Discussion

Member Schneider read the two sample campground ordinances that were presented. The following discussion was held regarding campgrounds:

1. Winter storage of campers at campground. Is it allowed or not or, is it allowed upon conditions with conditional use permit.
2. Definition of primitive campsite. We need to check on this for state statute and/or local control.
3. Can campgrounds have 4-wheelers parked by the site? This will be discussed on the conditional use site permit when applied for.
4. Trash receptacle (big dumpster), reference water test for 4725 chapter community well or residential well? This would need to be done before issuance of a conditional use permit.
5. Winterize or over 120 days? To stay longer? Seasonal closure, should they all have to be out by winter? Discussion will be ongoing and will more than likely be up to the owner of the campground.
6. Showers available. Is it required by MN State Statute?
7. Water and electricity for 1 per 8 sites. Member Valvoda questioned why the township wouldn't require 50/30/20 or 30/2 requirements. Is no electric okay at a minimum?
8. Storm shelter. Is it required per MN State Statute? The commission will need to check into this.
9. Is there a MN State Statute requiring a dump station, bathrooms and showers? The commission needs to check into this.
10. Will we require all campgrounds properties to have some type of screen between other land owners? For example trees, brush, wood fence, etc. wording on #11 for privacy.
11. Campgrounds will need to follow Royalton Township Zoning Ordinance 001-2010, Section 3 related to noise and nuisance from 8 a.m. – 10 p.m.
12. Pets – dogs, none at large, must pick up poop.

13. Commission will check out the statute Rock Creek uses regarding fire rings.
14. All year round stays, #15 in the Rock Creek Ordinance.
15. Minimum 10 acres to be build? State 40 acre minimum. The commission will need to look into minimum acreage for campgrounds.

Interim Permits and Conditional Use

There was much discussion on interim and conditional use permits. Findings may be sent to the board.

Respectfully Submitted,

Les Orvis, Chair/Member

Gary Valvoda, Member

Priscilla Schneider, Member

Jessica Johnson, Member

John Graham, Supervisor/Member