

Royalton Township - Planning Commission **Working Meeting Minutes**
December 10, 2024 Royalton Township
6052 Royalton Road Braham, MN 55006

Acting Chair member Graham called meeting order at 6:33pm

Members present were Jessica Johnson, Gordy Nordby, Gary Valvoda, John Graham and Doug Stanger and Jeff Schlaeger. Also present was Septic Inspector Amy Thompson.

Several members of the public in attendance.

Campground Ordinance:

Discussion on the attorneys response on the proposed ordinance. We agree to not create a new ordinance but rather add to the current zoning and ordinances in reference to campgrounds. Discussed creating a reference sheet to be provided at the time of permit application outlining key Township, County, Health and State requirements to consider when applying for a permit. Member Johnson to put together a revised proposal to be presented to the board to approval to pass to attorney again.

Short Term Rentals Ordinance:

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Administrative Citations

Discussed creating a procedure on the correct protocol and timing of action that township will take when there is a ordinance violation.

Cannabis - Citizen ordinance proposal

Discussed adding to the township current zoning ordinance that Royalton Township will only issue permits for residential and agricultural use only and that commercial or industrial are not eligible property types.

Also discussed the concern that if we don't put something in place by January 1st 2025 what happens? The distance outlined in the citizen proposal also was a topic and agreed that if a resident or township is within one mile of a cannabis cultivator Royalton would provide notice. Another distance discussed was the 500 ft from another residence and proposed 350 ft. Ultimately the board was not comfortable approving the current citizen proposed ordinance as there has been insufficient time to full research and there is concern with not waiting for the county first. Which is the question, what happens after 1/1/2025 when or if people are given licenses by the state and we don't have our own ordinance in place. The township is relying heavily on the "must be residential or agriculture" property/business use only. Member Nordby is researching.

Further Discussions:

No further information has been obtained on recordings and cameras. Member Graham will be in contact with Mr. Travis Kemen on the topic. Members of the public did request to video record this working meeting and board declined the request due to not having the appropriate policy information to determine if acceptable. A policy or the policy on this if one exists needs to be put together or found for future reference.

Proposed next working meeting to be January 14th, 2025

Chair Johnson adjourned the Working Meeting at 8:33pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Member/Chair Jessica Johnson

Member Gary Valvoda

Member/Supervisor John Graham

Member Gordy Nordby

Member Doug Stanger