

Royalton Township Working Planning Commission Meeting Minutes
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Approved

6:30 p.m., 13 May 2025, Interim Chair Gary Valvoda called the Royalton Township working planning commission meeting to order with Members Pete Belland and Doug Stanger present and Gordy Nordby absent. Septic Administrator Amy Thompson, Supervisor Jeff Schlaeger, and members of the public also attended.

Old Business:

The commission received a variance request from Michael Fleischhacker requesting a Type III subsurface sewage treatment system. Mr. Fleischhacker and Administrator Thompson advised the commission on the reasoning for the request – there is insufficient good soil depth to install a Type I system on the parcel involved. Mr. Fleischhacker lives in St. James, MN, and may not be able to attend the regular monthly planning or board meetings. Administrator Thompson will advise.

Interim Chair Valvoda distributed recent information on a security policy that had been prepared by Travis Kemen. Discussion included comments on weekday workplace safety/security for employees.

The commission received updates on the filling of the building inspector position. Caleb Christenson, city of Mora licensed building official, proposed that Dan Rydberg, Jr., who will be completing requirements for a limited building inspector position, would be able to work under Mr. Christenson’s license. He presented his proposed fee schedule to the commission. Mr. Rydberg and Mr. Christenson were invited to attend the next planning commission and board meetings.

Interim Chair Valvoda distributed copies of Pine County Ordinance 2024-58 regulating adult-use cannabis business activities. The board deferred to this ordinance at its 29 April meeting.

Interim Chair Valvoda inquired about the town’s legal counsel’s draft ordinance. It seemed the intent of the board to strike or remove any language pertaining to cannabis business activities and to review and move forward with the remaining sections of the draft ordinance.

Interim Chair Valvoda offered homework reading to the commission:

- a) A copy of Pine County Adult Use Ordinance to read and compare with the draft ordinance section 5, subd. 2, and subd. 3.
- b) A copy of Pine County Cannabis Use in Public Ordinance 2023-40 to read and determine if the township is satisfied with its language.

New Business:

John DeGray asked about classifying manufacturing and industrial zones by building size. Discussion followed.

Interim Chair Valvoda expressed concerns over the disorder and disruptive behavior at the recent

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joint public hearing/planning commission/board meeting. Discussion followed on maintaining order and following established rules of order and protocol.

The date of the next working commission meeting will be determined at the regular meeting of 27 May 2025.

FYI:

The next regular planning commission meeting will be at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, 27 May 2025.

At 7:20 p.m., Interim Chair Valvoda adjourned the working meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Valvoda, Interim Chair/Member

Pete Belland, Supervisor/Member

Doug Stanger, Member

Gordy Nordby, Member