

Royalton Township Regular Planning Commission Meeting Minutes
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27 May 2025
Approved

7:00 p.m., 27 May 2025, Interim Chair Gary Valvoda called the Royalton Township regular planning commission meeting to order with Members Pete Belland, Gordy Nordby, and Doug Stanger present. Zoning Administrator John Kemen, Septic Administrator Amy Thompson, Road Superintendent Dan Saumer, Deputy Clerk Andrea Anderson, and members of the board and the public also attended.

Member Stanger moved, Member Belland seconded, to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Member Valvoda moved, Member Stanger seconded, to approve the minutes of 29 April 2025 joint public hearing as distributed. The motion carried unanimously.

Member Stanger moved, Member Belland seconded, to approve the minutes of the 29 April 2025 regular commission meeting as distributed. The motion carried unanimously.

Member Stanger moved, Member Nordby seconded, to approve the minutes of the 13 May 2025 working commission meeting as distributed. The motion carried unanimously.

Old Business:

The commission received a list of topics compiled by Travis Kemen to be covered in a security policy. Member Belland moved, Member Nordby seconded, to pass the policy on to the board with a recommendation to approve. Member Valvoda, in discussion, expressed his concern for the safety of weekday employees, advocating a need for a front door interlock system. It was noted that this could be added later. The motion carried unanimously.

Member Valvoda presented a proposal from Caleb Christenson, city of Mora licensed building official, to become the township's building official. The proposal had an attached fee schedule, and the building official would be hired as a contractor. Member Nordby moved, Member Belland seconded, to pass it to the board with a recommendation to approve. The motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

A variance application was received from Michael Fleischhacker (PID 290215001, 4694 Hummingbird Road) requesting that a Type III subsurface sewage treatment system be permitted rather than a Type I system that would be required by the ordinance. Septic Administrator Thompson opined that the soil on the parcel would not permit a Type I system. Member Nordby moved, Member Belland seconded, to recommend approval of the request to the board with the understanding that it has Septic Administrator Thompson's approval. The motion carried unanimously.

Member Valvoda expressed the need to fill the vacancy on the commission left by the resignation of Chair Jessica Johnson. He also expressed the need for the commission to elect a new chairperson.

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Member Nordby led a discussion suggesting that applications be reviewed but that no decisions be made at this time. Member Nordby moved, Member Stanger seconded, to ask the board to review past applications and advertise for new applicants. The motion carried unanimously.

At the direction of the board, the commission will review the draft ordinance from the attorney and remove any language pertaining to cannabis. Member Valvoda distributed a list of what he found to possibly be removed, but not limited to: sec. 7.2, sec. 8.2F, sec. 8.4.B. i-xiii, sec. 17.1.A.i.1, sec. 17.1.A.3 iii-viii, and all of sec. 18. [This was agreed at the meeting, but it was decided not to include these citations.]

The next working commission meeting was set for 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, 17 June 2025.

FYI:

The next regular planning commission meeting will be at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, 24 June 2025.

At 7:21 p.m., Member Stanger moved, Member Belland seconded, to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Valvoda, Secretary Pro Tempore/Member

Pete Belland, Supervisor/Member

Doug Stanger, Member

Gordy Nordby, Member