

Royalton Township - Planning Commission **Working Meeting Minutes**
April 8, 2025 Royalton Township
6052 Royalton Road Braham, MN 55006

Chair Johnson called meeting order at 6:36pm

Members present were Jessica Johnson, Gary Valvoda, Doug Stanger and John Graham. Also present were supervisors Jeff Schlaeger and Pete Belland. Zoning Administrator John Kemen along with Attorney Bob Ruppe with Couri & Ruppe's office. Members absent were Gordy Nordby.

Several members of the public were in attendance.

Updated Zoning Ordinance:

Member Johnson addressed both the planning commission and the public with the meetings agenda to fully review all updates and additions in the drafted zoning ordinance. Johnson also outlined expectations with public participation to allow for questions after the commission has fully reviewed the draft. Attorney Bob Ruppe joined the meeting at around 7:25pm.

Johnson provided drafted copies to each member of the planning commission to work thru. There were roughly 20 corrections found to be addressed with legal counsel. The majority of them were clerical corrections with the exception of the following: agreed to update the definition of an adult establishment to be a business of 10% or more vs. 25%. Agreed to update from 75ft to 85ft for right of way for front yards to throughout the ordinance. Agreed to update the building standards in reference to Frost Free Footings from five feet to read something along the lines of "Complying with state building Code". Agreed to update in the cannabis performance standards under the Minimum Buffer Requirements to update from 500ft to 350ft to a single family or multi-family residence.

Zoning administrator Kemen advised of the proposed additional zoning district ARC to accommodate short term rentals, adult uses and cannabis related businesses.

Members of the public asked several questions. There were concerns shared around the performance standards not providing sufficient information or requirements for cannabis business in reference to what is required for the interim use permits, Mr. Ruppe and Mr. Kemen both advised on this and advised this information is on the interim use permit application. Some of the public felt the township was only reiterating state laws and standards already outlined. The commission shared the reason for this was to outline which zoning district cannabis businesses will be allowed. Attorney Bob Ruppe assisted with several clarification questions. Several members of the public requested a copy of the draft, member Johnson advised the draft will be available by Friday April 11, 2025 once the corrections were made from the working meeting.

Proposed next working meeting to be May 13th, 2025 at 6:30

Chair Johnson adjourned the Working Meeting at 9:04pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Member/Chair Jessica Johnson

Member Gary Valvoda

Member/Supervisor John Graham

Member Gordy Nordby

Member Doug Stanger