

Royalton Township Regular Planning Commission Meeting Minutes  
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27 January 2026  
Approved

7:00 p.m., 27 January 2026, Chair Jeff Schlaeger called the Royalton Township regular planning commission meeting to order with Members Pete Belland and Barb Dreyer and Clerk Duane Swanson present. Zoning Administrator John Kemen, Septic Administrator Amy Thompson, Road Superintendent Dan Saumer, Acting Deputy Clerk Priscilla Schneider, Administrative Assistant Mollie Davis, and members of the public also attended. Member John Graham was absent.

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

Chair Schlaeger moved, Member Dreyer seconded, to approve the minutes of the 16 December 2025 regular commission meeting as distributed. The motion carried unanimously.

Member Belland moved, Member Dreyer seconded, to approve the minutes of the working meeting of 6 January 2026 as distributed. Clerk Swanson noted that the minutes presented had been updated from the draft minutes forwarded earlier to members. The motion carried unanimously.

Old Business:

Clerk Swanson explained that an updated draft of the nuisance ordinance had been sent to legal counsel for review, that counsel had accepted all the commission and board recommendations except one paragraph. The paragraph that dealt with the “right to farm;” in counsel’s opinion that belonged in a zoning ordinance and was inappropriate in the nuisance ordinance. Clerk Swanson had eliminated that paragraph and prepared Ordinance 2026-01 as found in members’ packets. Commission members concurred with counsel’s recommendations. Clerk Swanson moved, Chair Schlaeger seconded, to recommend to the board adoption of Ordinance 2026-01 prohibiting the occurrence and maintenance of public nuisances. The motion carried unanimously.

Clerk Swanson reported that he had received a Word version of the proposed zoning ordinance and was inputting the board and commission’s changes to legal counsel’s original draft. Work on that update will continue.

Clerk Swanson reported that legal counsel had served the owner of 10696 Pine Bough Road (PID 290019001) with a notice to have the junk mattresses removed or an approved cleanup plan in place by 31 January 2026.

New Business:

Zoning Administrator Kemen explained the request of Rodney P. Hoover for a home occupation interim use permit to operate a tractor/machinery repair shop at 9187 Apple Road (PID 290277004). The business would be housed in an existing shed on the property. Mr. Hoover and a partner would be the only workers. It may include a restroom in the shop. It would contain a minimal number of

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machines at any one time. The commission asked Administrator Kemen and Clerk Swanson to prepare a checklist of items needed to be addressed in a findings of fact.

The date of the next working meeting will be 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, 10 February 2026.

FYI:

The next regular planning commission meeting will be 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, 24 February 2026.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Duane P. Swanson, Clerk/Member

Pete Belland, Supervisor/Member

Barb Dreyer, Member

John Graham, Supervisor/Member

Jeff Schlaeger, Chair/Member