

Royalton Township Regular Planning Commission Meeting Minutes
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28 April 2026
Approved

7:02 p.m., 28 April 2026, Chair Jeff Schlaeger called the Royalton Township regular planning commission meeting to order with Members Barb Dreyer, Pete Belland, and Jan Patterson and Clerk Duane Swanson present. Supervisor John Graham, Zoning Administrator John Kemen, Septic Administrator Amy Thompson, Road Superintendent Dan Saumer, and members of the public also attended.

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

Member Belland moved, Member Patterson seconded, to approve the minutes of the 24 March 2026 regular planning commission meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Member Patterson moved, Member Dreyer seconded, to approve the minutes of the 14 April 2026 working meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

Clerk Swanson updated the commission on the junk issue at 10696 Pine Bough Road (PID 290019001) noting that the road inspection on 27 April revealed no progress on removing the mattresses; legal counsel has suggested that it may be advisable to await results of the foreclosure proceedings before further action.

During the road inspection, the board noted that additional tires and possibly other junk had been deposited recently at 1995 Royal Heights Lane (PID 295231000), adding to the already accumulated junk. This development has been communicated to Pine County along with photographs of the scene.

Zoning Administrator Kemen had received an updated certificate of survey for the Johnson/Orvis/Tchida proposed land split of PID 290292000 (Greeley Road). Septic Inspector Amy Thompson noted that soil borings and a septic abandonment form are still required. No action was taken.

Zoning Administrator Kemen had received an updated certificate of survey for the Johnson/Orvis/Tchida proposed land split of PID 29023400 (Royalton Road). He noted that the required affidavits of attachment had not been received; Septic Administrator Thompson had not received data on the potential septic system on one parcel. Soil borings are not required if the attachment documentation is received because the resultant properties will exceed forty acres. No action was taken.

Clerk Swanson reported that information had been received on the citizen complaints against the board and erba Inc. Chair Schlaeger noted that these would be discussed at the working meeting.

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Clerk Swanson reported that a citizen complaint about the lack of a township cannabis ordinance read at the last working meeting had been discussed with Pine County and that Pine County remained satisfied that the township had acted properly in transferring zoning authority to the county. Chair Schlaeger noted that this complaint would be discussed at the working meeting.

Discussion of the updated zoning ordinance was deferred to the next working meeting.

New Business

Adam Jenkauski was present to discuss his conditional/interim use permit application for a campground rental facility at 5271 Royal River Road (PID 295110000). Zoning Administrator Kemen will review the application further, noting that a detailed site plan drawing would be needed because the property is partially in Shorelands. Clerk Swanson was asked to share the application with Pine County.

Clerk Swanson introduced a series of new citizen complaints mostly revolving around odors and lighting at the erba Inc. facility. Chair Schlaeger noted these would be discussed at the working meeting.

The date of the next working meeting will be 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, 12 May 2026.

FYI

The next regular planning commission meeting will be 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, 26 May 2026.

At 7:25 p.m., Member Belland moved, Clerk Swanson seconded, to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Duane P. Swanson, Clerk/Member

Pete Belland, Supervisor/Member

Barb Dreyer, Member

Jan Patterson, Member

Jeff Schlaeger, Chair/Member