

June 20, 2018 Working Planning Commission Meeting

Royalton Township Working Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

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6:30 p.m., 20 June 2018, Chair Leslie Orvis convened the Royalton Township working planning commission meeting with members Jeff Schlaeger, Priscilla Schneider, Duane Swanson, and Gary Valvoda present. Also present were Supervisor Wayne Olson, Road Superintendent Dan Saumer, and Earl W. Molin, who tested gravel on the township roads.

Mr. Molin began his presentation by reviewing his project. With Superintendent Saumer and Supervisor Olson, he took fifty samples (basically from one-half mile stretches) from all town roads (excluding Frost Drive, Bear Claw, and Carlson Lane). Worksheets for sieve analysis of granular materials from all samples were available to the commission. Mr. Molin summarized that the majority of town roads did not have enough rock to properly bind the surface; most had too much sand. He recommended that the specifications for gravel be changed to a "class 6 modified" for at least a year. He also recommended that most roads be scarified to mix the existing top surface with that underneath.

During questioning, Mr. Molin made some specific suggestions for certain roads. Conversations with Nessel Township noted that 540th is in serious need of repair. 540th and Majestic need clay. He recommends class 6 modified. Maple Shores and Apple need rock; he recommends class 5 modified. Longer term, Raspberry and Pine Bough, both subject to flooding, need to be built up with gravel on top.

Discussion occurred about changing the current year's gravel order. The commission realized this was impossible without negotiations with Kip Rydberg, as the quote approved by the board was specifically for 4,500 yards of class 5. Chair Orvis volunteered to talk with Mr. Rydberg to see if the amount of gravel for 2018 could be changed to 4,000 yards of class 5 and 500 yards of "2-inch minus select", the latter being used to build up Raspberry and Pine Bough. He will report at the next commission meeting.

Mr. Molin was asked about chloriding. He noted that chloriding needs a good gravel base. He acknowledged that chloriding does stabilize the surface if the condition of the road is in good

shape to begin with, thus eliminating dust, but noted that he opposes it because of its corrosive effect on vehicles. Chair Orvis thanked Mr. Molin for coming and sharing the results of the testing.

The working commission then briefly considered other issues. There was no known action on Dick Doenz' possible request for an interim use permit for mining off Frost Drive. The general consensus of the meeting was that creating a fireproof room (or having fireproof cabinets) should proceed with further study. No consensus was reached on the need for a cigarette butt receptacle outside the town hall, although the rental agreement should be rechecked to ascertain exactly what it says about smoking. A township cleanup day could be an expensive proposition (more study needed). Supervisor Olson related the request of legal counsel for a copy of the township's culvert policy (Clerk Swanson provided a copy to Supervisor Olson).

At 8:45 p.m., the meeting concluded.

Respectfully submitted:

Duane P. Swanson, Clerk/Member

Leslie Orvis, Chair/Member

Gary Valvoda, Member

Jeff Schlaeger, Member

Priscilla Schneider, Member