

# May 22, 2018 Working Planning Commission Minutes

Royalton Township Working Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

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6:30 p.m., 22 May 2018, Chair Leslie Orvis convened the Royalton Township working planning commission meeting with members Jeff Schlaeger, Priscilla Schneider, Duane Swanson, and Gary Valvoda present.

Member Schneider distributed information sheets regarding how calcium chloride applications save both roads and money, noting that up to 80% of aggregate replacement can be saved when calcium chloride is applied properly. The commission noted that a one-year study is probably insufficient to estimate cost savings. Members asked about cost estimates and mixture strength if the township were to apply it ourselves. Road Superintendent Dan Saumer had estimated that the township saved about \$1,000 in grading costs last year by having calcium chloride applied to Maple Shores Drive. Member Schlaeger estimated that 40 bags of chloride would cost about \$1080 and would probably be sufficient to cover Maple Shores for a second year.

In order to fulfill the board's instructions for long range budgetary planning for road and bridge costs, the commission requests that the office supply copies of the sample budget document available through CTAS. Clerk Swanson and Treasurer Wendy Tchida will have a sample document for a future commission meeting.

Commission members requested that the board direct the commission to study alternatives for constructing a fire retardant storage area for the town's records.

Supervisor Schlaeger introduced the issue of options to a ten-acre minimum lot size, noting the loss of farmland when a building is placed in the middle of a ten-acre parcel. Options discussed included permitting smaller lot sizes but limiting the number of dwellings per 40-acre parcel. More discussions will be held to determine if an update to the zoning ordinance is desirable.

Member Orvis noted that the Rock Creek Lions had approved a grant for window replacement at the Royalton Cemetery Chapel but that the cemetery is not an eligible 501-C-3 organization. The Lions requested that the township receive the grant and pass it through to the cemetery. The board will have to decide if the township legally can be a pass through agent in this instance.

At 8:00 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