

ROYALTON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

Regular Meeting

May 7, 2018

Members Present: Chairman R. Bernard, J. Ackerman, W. Foust, J. Heil, T. Kalin,
B. Lieberg,

Absent: J. Pater

Also Present: W. Boyd, Royalton Township Building Official/Zoning
Administrator

Chairman Bernard called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

I. Roll Call and Recognition of Visitors

Planning Commission member J. Pater was absent. There were no visitors.

II. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the April 2, 2018 Planning Commission Meeting were reviewed. Mr. Lieberg made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Ackerman seconded the motion and the motion carried.

III. Approval of Agenda

There were no changes to the Agenda.

IV. Public Hearing - None

V. Unfinished Business - None

VI. New Business

A. Agritourism Activities - Chairman Bernard and Mr. Boyd attended a Planning and Zoning for Agritourism Conference held April 30, 2018 hosted by Oronoko Township. Chairman Bernard reported last year \$1 Billion went to Agritourism. Mr. Boyd commented we need to see if our ordinances cover agritourism. Mr. Ackerman asked if this is limited to Agriculture zoning. Mr. Boyd answered there is some Commercial zoning also involved; i.e., wedding in a barn venue.

Mr. Foust stated our ordinance works as a positive for us. Is there reference to this type of venue for future land use? Mr. Boyd answered yes there is.

VII. Comments from the Public - None

VIII. Open Discussion/Miscellaneous

Mr. Boyd presented Medical Marijuana Update #13.

Mr. Boyd stated Royalton Township Master Plan and Ordinance are good for Agritourism.

Mr. Boyd provided information on some good public safety computer apps available in Berrien County.

A. Correspondence Received - None

B. Planning Commission Interest Group Reports – Mr. Heil advised that nothing can be planted right now because the ground is too wet.

C. Township Board Report – Mr. Foust reported that the Board voted to reimburse the residents of Derfla and Linden Drives who had a basic charge for power being turned off and back on during the February flood. The Board resolved a dispute with the Humane Society regarding an agreement on a payment for their new building.

D. ZBA –The ZBA did not meet in April.

IX. Building Permit Reports

The April, 2018 Building Permit Report showed four (4) new home building permits issued in April, 2018, compared to no (0) new home building permits issued in April, 2017. Total new dwelling permits issued year-to-date for 2018 are seven (7). Total year-to-date new dwelling permits issued for 2017 was two (2).

X. Education

1. Mr. Boyd showed a video taken from a drone of Royalton Township flood areas including the Linden Drive and Derfla Drive flooded intersection.

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XI. Adjournment

Mr. Lieberg made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Heil seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Heil

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Recording Secretary