

ROYALTON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

Regular Meeting

February 6, 2017

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

Absent: T. Kalin

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

All Planning Commission members were present, except Mr. Kalin. There were no visitors.

II. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the January 4, 2017 Planning Commission Meeting were reviewed. Chairman Bernard made a spelling correction on page 2. Mr. Ackerman made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. Mr. Foust 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. Property Division at 5885 Scottsdale Road

Mr. Michael Klug, 5885 Scottsdale Road, Berrien Springs, MI 49103, presented Application for Land Division Approval requesting a 5-acre 250' x 872' parcel be

divided from a 37+ acre parent parcel (Tax ID 11-17-0029-0012-04-1) as shown on Mitchell & Morse survey drawing dated 1-27-17, Job No. 17-117.

Mr. Boyd commented that the proposed property split is in compliance with Royalton Township Zoning Ordinance Regulations.

Mr. Lieberg made a motion to recommend to the Royalton Township Board approval of the proposal to divide a 5-acre, 250' x 872' parcel from a 37+ acre parent parcel (Tax ID 11-17-0029-0012-04-1) as shown on Mitchell & Morse survey drawing dated 1-27-17, Job No. 17-117. Mr. Foust seconded the motion and the motion carried.

VII. Comments from the Public - None

VIII. Open Discussion/Miscellaneous

A. Correspondence Received – Mr. Jonathan Wuepper, a Royalton Township resident, sent an e-mail to Mr. Boyd, Planning Commission and Board expressing approval of the decision to establish the 30-acres of township owned land along Bacon School Road and the St. Joseph River into the Royalton Township Parks program, as a natural area. Mr. Wuepper suggested that motorized vehicles be prohibited from this park. Also that bicycle use be limited only to the upland area, not allowing them into the ravines and floodplain. These restrictions would lessen problems of erosion and impact on natural vegetation.

B. Planning Commission Interest Group Reports – None

C. Township Board Report - Mr. Foust reported: 1) Dr. Patricia Quattrin of the Benton Harbor Girls Academy gave a presentation referring to the modular buildings that have been temporarily stored on property the Quattrins own along M-139; 2) recommended that bids for signs be tabled; 3) of three companies that bid for filing applications for grants for Royalton Township, Abonmarche came in with lowest bid.

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

IX. Building Permit Reports

The January Building Permit Report showed no new home building permits issued in January, 2017, compared to no new home building permits issued in January, 2016. Total new dwelling permits issued year-to-date for 2017 are none (0). Total year-to-date new dwelling permits issued for 2016 were none (0).

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X. Education

1. Michigan Medical Marihuana Facilities Update.

XI. Adjournment

Mr. Heil made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Leiberg seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Heil

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Recording Secretary