

ROYALTON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

Regular Meeting

December 3, 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; R. Basselman, Royalton Township Supervisor

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

II. Roll Call and Recognition of Visitors

All Planning Commission members were present, except Mr. Pater. Mr. Robert Basselman was a visitor.

III. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the August 6, 2018 Planning Commission Meeting were reviewed. Mr. Foust made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Kalin seconded the motion and the motion carried.

IV. Approval of Agenda

There were no changes to the Agenda.

V. Public Hearing - None

VI. Unfinished Business - None

VII. New Business

A. Review Ordinance to Prohibit Marihuana Establishments

The Planning Commission reviewed a form document "An Ordinance to Prohibit Marihuana Establishments Pursuant to the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marihuana Act, Ballot Proposal 1 of 2018".

Planning Commission members made the following comments: Agriculture has to be a secured area; there are no rules; there are no answers at this point; it is undefined; there is the farmer/grower aspect; need further research on establishments; nothing clear about any of this.

Mr. Basselman made the comment that we can opt out of the whole thing.

Mr. Foust stated the only recourse that we have is that we can prohibit establishments.

The Planning Commission recommended to the Board passage of the Ordinance Article No. ____.

B. Township Board Request to Amend Sec. 18.06, Animal Use Ordinance

Mr. Boyd stated if someone has less than 5 acres in agricultural district, sometimes they come in asking for permission to have more than the allowed number animals. Is this something we should pursue? Animals running around is not allowed. Mr. Kalin said two acres makes more sense. It was decided to have a public hearing in January to get public opinion on this matter.

VIII. Comments from the Public - None

IX. Reports/Discussion:

A. Correspondence Received – Mr. Boyd mentioned an upcoming Michigan State University sponsored Berrien County Citizens Planners class.

B. Planning Commission Interest Group Reports – None

C. Township Board Representative Report – Biggest thing has been the discussion about marihuana.

D. ZBA –The ZBA did not meet in August through November, 2018.

E. Building Permit Reports – August through November, 2018.

The August, 2018 Building Permit Report showed one (1) new home building permit issued in August, 2018, compared to no (0) new home building permits issued in August, 2017. The September, 2018 Building Permit Report showed one (1) new home building permit issued in September, 2018, compared to two (2) new home building permits issued in September, 2017. The October, 2018 Building Permit Report showed no (0) new home building permits issued in October, 2018, compared to three (3) new home

building permits issued in October, 2017. The November, 2018 Building Permit Report showed one (1) new home building permit issued in November, 2018, compared to two (2) new home building permits issued in November, 2017. Total new dwelling permits issued year-to-date for 2018, are sixteen (16). Total year-to-date new dwelling permits issued for 2017, was thirteen (13).

X. Education

Mr. Boyd provided reading material on the future of parking.

XI. Adjournment

Mr. Kalin made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Lieberg 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