

Royalton Township  
Joint Meeting with Planning Commission & Township Board  
September 6, 2023

I. Chair Brian Lieberg called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. Roll Call:

Planning Commission

Present: Brian Lieberg, Chair  
Ted Kalin, Vice-Chair  
Andrew Sarola, Secretary  
John Heil, Commissioner  
Jason Ackerman, Commissioner

Township Board

Present: Rachel Bernard, Clerk  
Mike Eisenhart, Treasurer  
Jason Ackerman, Trustee

Visitor: Ken Zebarah – Harvest Solar

III. Approval of Minutes from August 7, 2023

Motion by Kalin to approve minutes. Seconded by Heil.  
All Ayes. No Nays. Motion carries.

IV. Approval of Agenda: Visitor from Harvest Solar – Ken Zebarah

V. Comments from the Public/Correspondence: None

VI. Public Hearing: None

VII. Unfinished Business: None

VIII. New Business:

A) Solar Ordinance Discussion. Ken Zebarah with Harvest Solar gave presentation showing and explaining possible solar uses for commercial application.

B) Lengthy discussion was held with Planning Commission and Board regarding use of solar panels in residential, commercial and industrial applications. Tony Riegel and Steve Tilly will share this information with Lynee Wells, AICP to be included in the solar ordinance.

C) Steve Tilly advised the state of Michigan may take away the option of solar application for farming. Will advise when this decision is made.

IX. Reports/Discussion:

A) Building Permit Report was submitted by Riegel.

X. Education: None

XI. Adjournment:

Motion by Lieberg to adjourn meeting at 8:55 p.m. Seconded by Sarola. All Ayes. No Nays. Motion passes.

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Ackerman  
Recording Secretary