

ROLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
ZONING + GENERAL MEETING, August 10, 2026
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The Roland Township ZONING BOARD was called to order by Chairman Mike Hall at 7:00 p.m. August 10, 2026, in the Quilt Inn meeting room with Supervisors David Thompson, Michael Sivertson, Luke Artz and Greg Mathwich along with Zoning Administrator Tim Kihle, and Clerk Glenore Gross, also Zoning Assistant Mark Kihle. Eleven visitors signed the register.

Minutes: July 13 Board minutes were approved as written and posted. **Treasurer Report:** Cash/Fund balance reported as \$818,927.29 with a request to pay bills totaling \$25,613.73. *MOTION by Michael to approve the Treasurers report and pay the bills presented, 2nd by Greg. VOTE-5 YES = CARRIED.*

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Tim Kihle reported that the fence issue on Green Acres discussed last month was settled with the fences taken down. He presented these permits, with one requesting a variance:

- Harry Butler/Squaw Pt – Demo old cabin.
- Scott McIntee/Larson-Loon Lk – Build 40x60 storage shed on the back lot.
- Chris Brown/Westergard – Demo existing cabin, build new at 33' shoreline setback to line up with existing adjacent cabins; the adjacent owners have signed the variance request.
- Chantelle DesLauriers/Border lot-Solpers – Demo old cabin and rebuild on same footprint.

After review of permits, *MOTION by David to approve the shoreline Variance Request for Brown, 2nd by Michael. VOTE-5 YES = CARRIED. MOTION by Greg to approve the permits as presented, 2nd by David, VOTE-5 YES = CARRIED.*

OLD (Unfinished) ZONING BUSINESS:

1. **Short Term Rental CUP – Board Discussion Following Public Hearing Input:** Board would like the current committee to continue meeting, add others to it who can share relevant user information, and work on an amended proposal to be brought to the October 12 meeting for consideration. Items shared included that the permit is intended for just RE-1 and RE-2 residences, not Commercial use; parking is the greater issue, not the number of bedrooms; the township needs rules in place for the sheriff to address when called; the proposal should address positive aspects not just negative.
2. **RV CUP Renewals – Mark K:** Mark reported there are now 54 paid permits with another 6-7 that should have permits, and 28 have the no-fee storage permits. He said he does periodic checking to keep track of RVs coming and going and he visits with owners with questions.
3. **Building/Location Permit Revision-pdf online:** Mark is continuing the process to get a workable online permit form useful for users and adequate for zoning purposes. Clerk offered to help fine-tune the form.

NEW ZONING BUSINESS:

1. **None**

GENERAL MEETING called to order at 7:45 pm.

OLD (Unfinished) GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. **Follow-up on Rugby Point Issues – Sue McGee:** 1- No mowing seen yet, disagree that it's too crowded for mower. *Trees are the issue for getting the tractor in, as on all the cabin roads; will get estimate for trimming trees.* 2- Canadian thistle not mowed. *Will talk to Matt Roland on the Weed Board about spraying it.* 3- Yield sign at the Y but Stop sign is down. *Mike has talked to the county about moving the signs for better sighting and suggested adding a sign to warn that a stop sign is ahead (for those used to it being a Yield sign).* 4- More are looking to take over 'the Circle' for parking, which is not allowed. *Mike is checking with Glinz to hydroseed there, and getting the trees trimmed would be followed by the Forest Service putting up signs and fencing to deny parking on their land. Suggested the possibility of placing the signs to leave open a 2' walking path. More policing here is needed.* 5- Golf carts run around free-for-all, drivers are too young, one appeared to be about 5-6 years old with mom beside him. Vern Jacobson added information regarding liability issues if golf carts aren't insured for road use; Luke said for road use they need to be licensed and insured. Another point of needing police coverage.
2. **Road Issue Updates:**
 - **Burnetts/Fritel Rd:** It's been striped and No Parking signs are up; a gate now closes off the old road.

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- **Cabin Roads:** Paving will start soon on the Birchwood and Dockside roads.
 - **Rural Roads:** The 16th Ave project is underway, trees in the right-of-way are being cleared and signs will be installed. David said he will check with the county about putting up a Minimum Maintenance Road sign at the gun range road rather than have them do what is needed to upgrade it to county standards for maintenance.
3. **Mowing:** The tractor has new tires and a new rear glass window. Where trees are a problem for mowing, Pecks said they would work on trimming them at \$50/hour. Mike suggested they confirm which township roads have been mowed in the past and continue to mow them.
4. **Added: Request to Discuss Sediment Catch in Central Park re Whiskey Bay Runoff – James Bondly:** Mike spoke with Bondly regarding past discussions with the county for a fix of the drainage problem, and told him that the neighbors need to get together on the issue before it can proceed.

NEW GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. **Have County Sheriff/County Commissioner Attend Meeting re: Need for Better Township Coverage:** Agreed to send invites with RSVP for Jeremy Tofteland and Andy Peterson to attend the September meeting. Police coverage appears minimal compared to previous years for dealing with parking issues, speeding, underage drivers, etc. which makes enforcement of violations difficult. It is especially noticeable on busy weekends. Public input would be helpful, as well as bringing the need for more coverage to a county commissioner meeting.
2. **Pursue Land Availability from County for Possible Future Building:** Luke will confirm how much land could be made available to the township for a future building somewhere on the county plat with the pickleball and basketball courts. A building for file storage, zoning applicant meetings, and, if enough space is available, possible tractor storage, has been previously discussed.

> REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE:

- Newsletter from ND Pipeline Assoc. with Safety Information for Public Officials is available.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Glenore Gross, Clerk/Treasurer

Next board meetings: Sept 14, Oct 12, Nov 9, Dec 14, Jan 11, Feb 8, Mar 8.