

July 2019 Planning Board Meeting

The Town of Holland Board Planning Board met on July 1, 2019 at 6:30pm at the town hall to receive the Certified Survey Map that Joan and Mark Klister presented to the board of the HL parcel 23-2 with 2 plus acres for a homesite and the balance to be added to Mr. and Mrs. Klister's parcel.

After viewing the map the board decided that it met all of the qualifications and a motion was made by Mike Geiger, seconded by Jerry Wall to approve. The motion was then taken up by the rest of the board for approval.

Being no other business, a motion was made by Ray Haen to adjourn, seconded by Mike Geiger. Meeting adjourned.

July 2019 Monthly Meeting

The Town Board of Holland met on July 1, 2019 at 7pm at the town hall. Chmn Wall called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The minutes of the June meeting were read and a motion to approve them was made by Sup. Geiger, seconded by Sup. VandeWettering. Motion passed.

First, Joe Daul appeared before the board requesting that he plans on growing hemp as a crop and Atty Sickel that in our ordinance that it's a farm crop but will check to see if there's anything that should be followed up on.

Next, Treasurer Kennedy asked the board how to respond to the damage that was done to the ballpark when a backhoe tipped off the trailer and hit the fence. It was decided that she would send one more letter stating that this needs to be taken care of or else our attorney will take action.

Next, Treasurer Kennedy asked the board regarding the back taxes owed to Arla Foods. She stated that the state has been slow in getting the form out to figure out the balance of all the other taxing entities would be. The board stated that she should pay the amount due and then ask Andre Jacque if he could use his good offices to facilitate the recommended form so that the town could send out bills to the other taxing entities.

Next, Open Forum: Steve Deslauries asked that the statement was made the county then would not give BC Dynamics the lease for the digester if the town didn't grant the C.U.P. It was not written in stone but a comment and the supposition was that maybe the whole county board needed to act on it to be verified and he said that this did not look promising.

Next, Atty Sickel stated it was okay for Mr. Geiger to talk to Dean Haen and Troy Strickenbach to discuss the lawsuit of BC Dynamics and what all the action that was taken wasn't arbitrary or caprious.

Next, Mr. Kiel questioned if the town would have to pay for BC Dynamic's bill? Atty Sickel stated their will be a date set for a meeting of the town board in closed session and strategy which will be used.

Next, Communications: The clerk received an unsigned letter asking why the weed problem could not be handled and neighbors could not be held accountable. It was stated that the town does not have a weed ordinance and perhaps this could be put on the next agenda. Greg Kiel then asked the question, that the only action that could be taken was if there is an ordinance.

Next, the C.S.M. which the planning board approved for Joan and Mark Klister was presented to the board. After review the board made a motion by Chmn Wall, seconded by Tom VandeWettering for approval. Motion passed.

Next, Scott Petersen's request for a lot on Pat Geiger's property and then what are the necessary requirements that have to be followed? Atty Sickel stated that their would have to be a C.U.P. filled out requesting the property come out of exclusive ag to ag residential. Also, he stated that the idea that this lot should not be in the middle of a 40-acre field where the idea is to conserve farmland, follow the town's comprehensive plan and this has to be advertised in the paper and a notice to adjoining landowners of the petition.

Next, Atty Sickel stated he will file an answer to the writ and the subject could be amended by the town board at a later date.

Next, Atty Sickel will tender lawsuit to Rural Mutual Insurance to seek defense and coverage.

Next, payment of bills: After review of bills a motion to pay them was made by Sup. Geiger and seconded by Sup. VandeWettering. Motion passed.

Next, any other matters: Yvonne Deyo stated that the county now would be charging a fee for recycling as the markets have deteriorated and until they get better there will be a charge. Also, she asked what were the steps that would have to be taken on their property by them to have their children receive a parcel to build on. The matter will be referred to the planning board as to what their options are.

Being no other business, a motion to adjourn was made by Sup. Geiger, seconded by Sup. VandeWettering. Meeting adjourned.