

Minutes of the Town of Sennett Planning Board meeting held on Thursday, August 3, 2023 at the Town of Sennett Office Building.

Members:

Pat Leamy, Chairman
Jerry Sankey
Richard "Dick" Phillips
Mike Szozda
Chris Peters

Absent: Mike Case, Deb Salato, Dan O'Hara, Dominic Giacona-Board Attorney

Pat opens the meeting at 7 PM with the Pledge. Mike Szozda makes a motion to accept the minutes from July's meeting, Chris seconds, all ayes. Minutes approved.

Tonight, the board is hearing more about the proposed 10 lot-subdivision on County Line Rd. Ed Reid is present representing his client, the property owner—Ben Kline. Since July, a topographic survey and wetland delineation was completed. A new road is needed to serve the 2-acre interior lots. The stormwater and wastewater investigations are ongoing.

Public water is not available, they are planning for well and septic. Dick is concerned about the lack of water. He is not against the development of the land unless it steals water from current residents. There are at least a dozen properties in this area with water issues. The water that is in the area has eaten through galvanized pipes. The plan is to buy water from Skaneateles, but they get water from the City of Syracuse which must be authorized. What is stopping the city from stopping the transfer of water?

The map lines show federal and state wetlands and properties that buffer them. They have some hoops to jump through with the DEC and federal wetlands.

Lot 2 remains an 18-acre lot. They keep the right-of-way. Perc testing has been done.

The applicant will return next month. Dick points out that the board needs to determine the 60-day timeline for decision to be made.

Pat has spoken with members that are not present about their feelings. Mike Case and Dan O'Hara were good with the updates. Supervisor Blair and Attorney Dominic Giacona are also good with it.

New business: Mike Szozda accepts the nomination for the position of Vice-Chairman of the Planning Board. Chris makes the motion to appoint Szozda, Dick seconds.

Dick would like to put before the Town Board the notion of requiring public water for large developments. 600-800 acres that will turn over in 20 years with no water. After Mandy Rue was developed, his property went from 2 gallons/minute to .5 gallon/minute. The lack of water is a major issue.

Mike makes a motion to adjourn. Christ seconds. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Edmunds