

TOWN OF HOLLAND PLAN COMMISSION

May 1, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT	Chair Robert Stupi, Mitch Cholewa, Andrew Dobkoski, Ben Filter, Doug Klenke, Jeff Osgood and Kathy Warzynski
OTHERS PRESENT	Steve Mieden, Jaren and Ivy Noffke, Mark Kloss, Jake Schweitzer (La Crosse County Land Conservation Department) and Marilyn Pedretti (Town Clerk)

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Stupi called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Notices were properly posted.

WELCOME

Stupi welcomed new commissioner Ben Filter and welcomed back veteran commissioner Kathy Warzynski.

MINUTES

Motion by Klenke/Cholewa to approve the April 3rd minutes. **MOTION** carried.

CITIZENS' CONCERNS: none.

MITIGATION OF DRAINAGE ISSUES

Stupi explained that this agenda item was in response to the calls and concerns after the spring flooding. He introduced Jake Schweitzer from the County Land Conservation Department and asked him to speak about water issues and drainage easements. Schweitzer gave a general overview of what is achievable with stormwater planning with the goal of maintaining the flow of water and reducing Total Suspended Solids (TSS) through infiltration. He noted that the County implemented new stormwater regulations in 2008. Schweitzer also noted that the recent event was "localized flooding" and with the frost imitating cement, it would have been impossible to engineer for containment. Schweitzer answered questions and discussion followed.

Jared Noffke, N7105 Bice Avenue, asked how the water flow for a subdivision is measured and whether an engineer should have been consulted when the new subdivision was added to the west. Schweitzer explained the hydro-cad system and the regulations that existed when that subdivision was approved. Discussion followed concerning maintenance of the easements.

Mark Kloss, W7917 August Avenue, asked if a post inspection is required after a development has been built to be sure it matches their plan. Schweitzer explained that previous to 2008, nothing was required but that they are now required to provide "as built" -- which certify the development was built as planned.

Steve Mieden, N7123 Bice Avenue, supported the method of scraping drainage easements that may have become compounded with TSS and noted nothing has been done to his ditch since he moved there in 2008. Stupi asked if the Town had "rights" to do work on private property in which drainage easements are listed. Schweitzer cautioned that scraping is not always the answer and that the maintenance of the easements is complicated. Discussion followed.

Ivy Noffkee, N7105 Bice Avenue, asked if they could “gift” their easement to the Town in order to allow for maintenance and expressed her concern that they cannot afford another flooding event. Schweitzer noted it is an option but cautioned that it is also complicated, such as the area would not necessarily be maintained as a personal “lawn”. Discussion followed.

Discussion followed concerning the role of the Town in maintenance versus owner responsibility through covenants, areas of drainage concerns such as Brentwood and Gaynor, and the function ditches play in infiltration. The Clerk was directed to check with the DNR on any historical information concerning the easements and the process for disposal of material from scraping. Schweitzer will provide additional information concerning technical standards with reference to maintenance of stormwater structures.

Stupi thanked Schweitzer for assisting with the discussion. He suggested discussion next month could prioritize areas for maintenance, gather information on costs to maintain easements and drainage areas, ascertain what the Town crew observes as trouble areas and discuss developing a system for regular maintenance of drainage areas.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN

Stupi explained that the plan was last updated in 2016 and that the new draft has updated contacts and equipment listings. Filter suggested Drugan’s may need to be added to Attachment L concerning chemical storage. The Clerk will research.

Stupi explained previous table top exercises conducted by Keith Butler, La Crosse County Emergency Management Department and asked if there was interest in conducting a table top exercise. It was the consensus to schedule such an event.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Warzynski suggested the Town’s Subdivision Ordinance may need to be amended to address the drainage easements.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Dobkoski/Filter to adjourn. **MOTION** carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Marilyn Pedretti, Town Clerk