

**TOWN OF BERGEN PLANNING BOARD MEETING**  
**Thursday, March 26, 2009**  
**Bergen Town Hall**

Present:        Bob Ridley                    Gary Fink                    John Wise        Norm Pawlak  
                  Bill Robinson                    Mark Gerhardy                    Connie Kaufman

Absent:        Kathi McLaughlin, Alt.

Also Present: Steve Hohn, Rick Muscarella and Bob Patterson

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bob Ridley at 7:30 p.m. A motion was made by John Wise to approve the minutes of the February 26 planning board meeting. Motion seconded by Connie Kaufman, voted and approved.

Allen Dunham Subdivision Mr. Dunham did not attend tonight's meeting as he has decided to sell his property instead of subdivide.

Steve Hohn Remove Land From Ag District Mr. Hohn appeared before the board stating his plan to sell a lot from his farm, which is located in an ag district, to his daughter to build a house on. Because the area is farmed there is concern over the quality of water that wells in the area would provide. Mr. Hohn would like his daughter to be able to hook into the municipal water supply line which runs through the lot she would be building on. Chairman Ridley informed Mr. Hohn that the planning board would not be making a decision but rather a recommendation to the Town Board regarding his plan. Information from the county and from NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets was compared. As this situation has not occurred before, it was decided more research was needed before a recommendation could be made. Chairman Ridley requested that Mr. Hohn provide more information for members to review. Mr. Hohn stated he would get the regulations from NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets that govern situations similar to this.

**OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS**

Jim and Stacy Wright Subdivision – Map for subdivision at 7711 West Bergen Road that was approved at the January 29, 2009 planning board meeting was filed with the county clerk. A letter from the County Real Property Office stating that the deed was not changed to correctly identify owners of subdivided parcels was received by the tax assessor. A letter will be sent to both Stacy and Jim advising of this situation and the need to get the deed corrected before the subdivision can be recognized.

Norm Pawlak shared some of his ideas after attending a presentation entitled *Healthy Ways*. He would like to see the parks and recreation areas of the town improved to make them more accessible to the public. There was a brief discussion on the cost of such projects. Norm suggests that the board should be ready with a master plan in the event the town would be able to make improvements. He would like members to discuss further at a future meeting.

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Norm Pawlak made a motion to invite Mr. Jim Newcomb of Aglink to attend a planning board meeting to give an update on the company's activity as related to the community. Gary Fink seconded the motion, no action was taken.

Zoning Enforcement Officer, Bob Patterson expressed his opinion regarding the planning board's recommendation to remove the manure ponding revision from the zoning law. Bob feels that keeping the revision as part of the law would serve the purpose of informing the community of what is going on. Chairman Ridley stated NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets is in charge of manure ponding it is up to them to enforce it.

There was no further discussion. Motion to adjourn was made by John Wise and seconded by Mark Gerhardy. Voted and carried, adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Colleen Holtz*

Colleen Holtz, Secretary

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