

MINUTES  
New Holland Borough Planning Commission  
August 16, 2016

The New Holland Borough Planning Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, August 16, 2016 at 6 p.m. in Borough Hall. Members present were: Chairman William H. Kassinger, Vice-Chairman Charles F. Kidhardt, William H. Seiple and Carl H. Hess. Member Donald W. Reed was absent. Also present were Planning Secretary J. Richard Fulcher, Borough Stormwater consultant Darrell Becker of ARRO Consulting and Dave Keener of G. D. Kenner Associates, on behalf of Goodville Mutual Insurance Company.

Chairman Kassinger opened the meeting, asking for action on the Minutes of the Commission's prior meeting.

Bill Seiple made the motion that the Minutes of the Commission's meeting of April 19, 2016 be approved as distributed. This was seconded by Carl Hess and passed.

Chairman Kassinger noted that the business before the Commission this evening is the request of the Goodville Mutual Insurance Company, which is located in the Borough, for three waivers related to stormwater requirements and the site conditions in the area of the basins where a new building addition is being constructed. The Commission reviewed this development plan with some initial waiver discussions at its last meeting.

Dave Keener, representing Goodville Mutual outlined the three requested Waivers:

Waiver #1: Request to utilize .34 of one foot of freeboard above the 100 year water surface in lieu of the ordinance's required one foot.

Waiver #2: Request to use 12" discharge pipes from the basins, in lieu of 18" size requirement.

Waiver #3: Request to allow the use of plastic flared end sections at all of basin discharge pipes.

Borough consulting engineer Becker reported that he is aware of the on-site situation and these are non-critical items that he has reviewed. He noted the following related to the Waiver requests:

#1: The current location of the emergency spillway does not present a health or safety risk should the berm ever over-top; Waiver #2, since the discharge pipes involved with this request are only used in the unusual event that the infiltration basin fails to infiltrate, these pipes would still have only minimal flows; and Waiver #3, as these discharge points do not control the rate of flow from the basin, which is the important point, this request is not an issue either. Based on his review, he recommends the Commission approves these in its action to Council.

Bill Seiple then made the motion that the Commission grant the three Waiver requests and so recommend to Council. This was seconded by Carl Hess and passed. Member Charles Kidhardt abstained, noting he is employed by Goodville Mutual.

There being no further business or public comment, the meeting adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

February 21, 2017

Date Approved