

TOWN OF TEMPLE
TEMPLE LAND USE COMMITTEE

June 6, 2020 Meeting
Final Minutes

Chairman Fiske called the meeting to order at 9:04 in the parking lot of the municipal building.

Committee members in attendance: Honey Hastings, George Willard, Tim Fiske, Deb Harling, Scott Hecker, Connie Kieley, Christine Robidoux, Lilliane Labelle, Allan Pickman and Kathy Boot.

Other attendees: Steve Harling and John Kieley.

Motion by Connie Kieley, second by Deb Harling to accept the minutes from the last meeting as drafted. Approved unanimously.

The meeting moved across the street to the old Holt property where Tim gave a brief history of how the Holt and Skladany lands became Town owned and their general characteristics. The possibility of relocating the highway garage onto one or both of the properties was generally discussed; Tim noted that approximately two acres would be needed for the facility itself. Honey noted that the Holt property could be a site for a future Historical Society building because much of the infrastructure was already there (foundation, well, septic and nearby power).

The group walked easterly to the rear of the Holt property and then onto the western section of the Skladany land. One significant stream was encountered that Tim offered would need a large culvert to accommodate a Highway Department access road. The group turned gradually north and eventually came out on General Miller Highway.

Tim noted that the natural driveway to any Highway Department site would be on the north side of the Holt property.

The walk confirmed Tim's assessment that the Skladany land is quite rock strewn with a number of wet areas that would have to be worked around. There are a number of sites where a highway infrastructure could be built and be out of sight of any road. No matter where the facility was located, however, the resulting noise (particularly from back-up alarms) would be able to be heard from some residences. Any site would have to be designed to protect against any runoff finding its way into wet areas.

Tim pointed out that there were only a limited number of locations on General Miller Hwy where the State would approve an entrance road due to visibility constraints. Access to the Skladany land across the Holt land from Rt 45 would not be so constrained.

Tim also mentioned that he felt the access road should not be across from a dwelling in order to avoid equipment headlights at night interfering with resident's sleep.

After exiting the Skladany property onto General Miller Highway, the group walked along the road back to the Municipal building.

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on June 27th at 8:00 AM. The meeting will start at the Elementary School parking lot and a tour of the Town owned ballfield lot. After that tour, the meeting will move to the Chris Weston parking lot for a tour of the four Town owned lots on Rt 45.

Motion at 10:40 to adjourn by Deb Harling, second by Lilliane Labelle. Unanimously approved.

Minutes taken by John Kieley
Secretary, Connie Kieley