

**TOWN OF PORT WASHINGTON
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A Public Hearing of the Town of Port Washington Town Board was held on
Monday, November 4, 2019 at 7:15 p.m. at the
Town Hall, 3715 Highland Drive,
Port Washington, WI.

1. Roll Call

Melichar states the agenda was posted timely and correctly, the press was notified and the hall is handicap accessible.

Present: Jim Melichar, Gary Schlenvogt, Mike Didier, Heather Krueger- Clerk

Absent: None

Residents Present: 11 & 1 member of the Press

[Didier obtains from the public hearing]

2. Consideration of an application submitted by Peter Didier for property owned by Betty M. Didier Revocable Trust in the Town of Port Washington, tax key# 07-004-05-002.00. Mr. Didier is applying to rezone the property from A-1 Agricultural to ACS-1 / Conservation Subdivision.

John Brooks, 1820 Dixie Road: The road is already in, is this a done deal? Concerned that the Town of Port Washington is allowing a subdivision in an agricultural area. Why is this the best use of the land? It is in the best interest for the land owner but not the town.

Melichar: The land around the lots will be put into conservation, and they will remain zoned Ag. A majority of the land can't be developed, it needs to stay natural or conservation area. The Town has had the conservation subdivision ordinance since 2008 and this is the first one we are doing. In 2008 the Plan Commission and land owners felt this was a better solution for farmers than farmland preservation.

Brooks: The town's website states the town is about preserving Ag land, people live in the town to get out of the city and now you are bringing more people out to the country.

Jon Waldhuetter, 1856 Dixie Road: There are already small subdivisions in the Town, and now there are pockets of subdivisions going up. Can you leave this development for areas closer to the City? Subdivisions will take over the growth of the town, and building will continue until all the Ag land has been filled.

Melichar: The conservation subdivision was put into place so farmers have more options on what they can do with their land. They can make more money from putting in lots rather than selling 35 acre parcels. This was a choice that was made for the Town of Port Washington, the Town of Belgium does not have this, they still have the Farmland Preservation, and so this will not be an issue for Belgium residents.

Waldhuetter: Can the town schedule another meeting and gather more information before acting on this?

Melichar: The board will be discussing rezoning the property only, the conservation subdivision ordinance will not be discussed. We can't postpone, per state statues, the applicant has due process on his application, which was taken out earlier this year. This has been presented at the Plan Commission for two consecutive months as well.

Melichar: The driveway that appears to be in, is not. Didier received permission from the DNR to do some work on the wet lands and the earth that was moved was a result of that. Currently it is gravel, and our town planner has looked at it as well. What he has done did not need any special permits so far.

3. Adjourn. Motion made by Schlenvogt close the Public Hearing, Second by Didier. Motion passed unanimously.

Heather Krueger, Clerk