

Planning Board Profiles: Robert Todd

"When people hear the word 'zoning,'" said Lansing Planning Board vice-chair Robert Todd, "it generates strong emotions."

Yet, the Lansingville grain farmer, who describes himself as "probably the least in favor of more regulations," has made an effort to balance his strongly held views about personal property rights and zoning regulations with an understanding that residents in different parts of the town have varying viewpoints about the need for, or desirability of, land use regulations.

Todd was asked to sit on the Lansing Planning Board to fill the state-mandated agricultural slot. "I also have a real interest in private property rights and the Planning Board is one way I can convey my positions on land use issues," he explained.

Todd bases much of his concern about zoning on his view of the 5th Amendment of our Constitution which says, "nor shall private property be taken for public use without just compensation." He's concerned that zoning "takes away" private property owners' rights without any recourse to compensation.

"People don't have the right to do whatever they want with their land," said Todd. They must respect everyone's rights to a clean environment and shouldn't cause undo problems for their neighbors. "But this type of thing is already regulated," he said. Crop farmers aren't allowed to misuse pesticides and dairy farmers aren't permitted to cause large runoffs of manure in creeks and streams.

On the other hand, Todd believes that Lansingites Inducted To Phi Theta Kappa

Jon Hughes and Timothy Pasto of Lansing were among 47 Tompkins-Cortland Community College students inducted last Thursday into Phi Theta Kappa, the national honor society of American two-year colleges.

The students were selected for having maintained a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

both the Planning Board and Town Board are sensitive to the fact that many folks in the "south end" of town do want zoning and that the so-called "south end" is continuing to move north. "The Planning Board has had some real spirited debates on what level of regulation we should advise the Town Board," he smiled.

The town engaged in a long process to get the maximum public input in developing a Comprehensive Plan, said Todd. "Unfortunately, less than 10 percent of the people who live here got involved. Those who do get involved have an immense impact."

The result of the Planning Board's 2-year effort to design a "fair" land use ordinance is a proposal that imposes few restrictions in the north end where residents generally oppose zoning and stricter definitions of land use in the south end where the board believes such regulations are desired by the majority.

The Planning Board submitted its draft ordinance late last autumn to the Town Board, which is currently reviewing it prior to holding public informational meetings.



PTSO BOOK SALES took place last week at the Lansing elementary and middle schools. Our photo shows fifth grader Abbra Clark perusing and choosing adventures for his mind and spirit. "Sometimes we make money and sometimes we don't," said one PTSO volunteer. "The important thing is that the children learn to love to read."

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