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Dear Mayor Jensen and Petersburg Borough Assembly:

I'd like to start by saying that as I write this, I represent only myself as a single member of the Planning Commission, I apologize to those who felt we did not do our jobs when it came to the Johnson's application to buy property.

We had a delay in the start of our meeting on Feb. 8, 2025 but the Johnsons did not attend our meeting by phone, ZOOM or in person. We did not hear from them.

Several Lake St. homeowners including Mr. Mazzella, Ms. Kelsey Lambe, Mr. Ressler and Mr. Randrup did attend and testify. All of them testified that they wanted to see the Lots sold separately.

Ms. Lambe said she wanted the opportunity to bid on the Lot behind her but realized she could be out bid by the Johnsons or anyone.

Mr. Ressler testified to the same about the Lot behind him.

Mr. Randrup testified that he thought Lots should go out to bid; he wanted to see adjacent landowners have a chance to buy the property behind them as well.

I came to the meeting prepared and I listened to the testimony given.

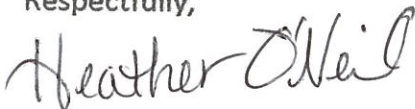
While it is improper by Roberts Rules of Order to discuss a motion if it is not seconded that in itself is not litigious.

At your April 21, 2025 Borough Assembly meeting I got the impression that some of you may have thought we approved the Mazzella's application after the Johnson's application failed. Unlike at your meeting the Mazzella's application was on our agenda first. At your meeting I saw several Lake Street homeowners present I expect that they would have asked to be recognized by the Mayor so they could speak if the Mazzella's application had been taken up.

I know you all live very busy lives and the work you do on the Assembly is hard, but I wonder if you would feel a little more like I did if you were to go back and listen to the testimony of the people who showed up at our Planning and Zoning Meeting to be heard.

Thank you for your time.

Respectfully,


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Did you mean under Robert's  
rules of order is it litigious to  
discuss an application if the  
motion is not seconded

### ◆ AI Overview



Under Robert's Rules of Order, discussing an application (or motion) without a second is not litigious, but it's procedurally incorrect. A motion must be seconded to even be brought up for discussion, and if it's not seconded, it essentially dies and cannot be debated. While there's no legal penalty for trying to discuss a motion without a second, it's against the rules and would likely be handled by the chair of the meeting. 

### Elaboration:

#### Seconding a Motion:

In Robert's Rules, a second is a crucial

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