

CONSERVATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE: October 6, 2011

I. Call to Order

Roger called the meeting to order at 7:19 PM. Late meeting start was due to Supervisor Gertz's request for CAB members' input regarding Hazmat Mitigation Plan Update due by Nov. 1, 2011. Members Present: Deb Lerner, Lisa Wojcik, Marian Prezyna, Roger Gustavel and Jim Hopper
Town Board Liaison: Don Darrow

II. Approval of Minutes

September minutes were not available. There was a discussion that in the future, if the note-taker for the meeting is unable to publish the meeting minutes in a timely manner that the members of the CAB should be notified so that someone else may handle that responsibility.

Next Meeting: Thursday, November 3, 2011

III. Member Reports

- a) Ag Day Review: Members made the following comments/suggestions:
 - Would prefer outside location to allow for better visibility to the public.
 - Area was congested and did not allow CAB members to talk to visitors; we were in the way and blocked our own displays.
 - The Book Sale was a distraction
 - Suggested that next year a written layout of vendors and displays be created to best use the space available both inside and outside.
 - Deb L. suggested we send a thank you letter on official Town letterhead to Alan Young of the Erie County Soil & Conservation Dept. for his presentation of the Enviroscene. Deb will talk to Town Clerk to obtain letterhead.
- b) Missed Training Opportunity: Deb L. stated that there had been a Stream and Farmland Protection Course given at the Marilla Community Center on Sept. 28, 2011. Due to some miscommunication, the members of the CAB had not been informed. It was determined that we should take steps to see that this does not happen in the future.
- c) Followup on PACE property: Lisa stated that the PACE property in town that required cleanup has been completed.

IV. New Business

a) Review Town Code Section 513: Roger suggested the CAB members review Town Code 513 and we will spend 30 minutes at the next meeting discussing it. Lisa stated that she would like the CAB to work more toward the sustainability of small farms and "smart growth" and to become more involved with grants and special programs offered to the Towns by State and Federal agencies. Members should bring information about such programs to the Board's attention in a timely manner. Some of the grant information seems to be getting to the area farmers already, but the CAB would like to become more involved in the process. Marian said she has a list of Grant writers that she will forward to the CAB members.

b) TVGA 4th Annual Workshop October 21, 2011: Roger brought in a Training Workshop flyer for TVGA's Municipal Dollars & Sense Training to be held in Hamburg. The training runs 8:00am to 4:00pm and has three different Tracks. Lisa may do the Track 2, Sustainability & Energy. Cost is \$50 prior to Oct. 14th and \$60 afterward.

V. Unfinished Business

a) Flag Lots: Don stated that the moratorium on flag lots has been extended for six months. He said that there are "Tö Lots" and "Stacked" Flag lots are also being discussed. He stated that flag lots diminish the property values of the adjacent lots and he feels that this concern is only alleviated if the person selling the flag lot also owns the property behind it.

VI. Adjournment: Roger made a motion to adjourn. Marian seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 pm.

AYES: 6 NAYES: 0 MOTION: Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Lerner