

CONSERVATION ADVISORY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

DATE: July 1, 2010

I. Call to Order

Roger Gustavel called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM.

Members Present: Roger Gustavel, Marian Prezyna, Jim Hopper, Debbie Lerner

Town Board Liaison: Don Darrow

Members Absent: Pat Blarr, Jim Heinrich, Debbie Beats

Alternate Absent: Shirley Limpinsel

Guest: Earl Gingerich, Jr.

II. Roger explained that the CAB Secretary, Pat Blarr, resigned and that the CAB would need a new secretary in the interim. Roger nominated Deb Lerner and Marian seconded the nomination; a vote was taken and all in attendance were in favor. Roger is going to talk with Pat regarding the status of vouchers submitted. They are supposed to be submitted quarterly. Roger will find out about the hourly rate of pay for the secretarial position.

III. Approval of Minutes

Roger asked if all members had the chance to review minutes from June. A copy was available for all to review. Marian moved and Jim Hopper seconded to accept the June minutes.

AYES: 4 NAYES: 0 MOTION: Carried

IV. Reports from Members

Marilla Ag & Farmland Protection Plan - Don Darrow will find out if the CAB members are to get paid for the extra work in creating a Plan.

Skip suggested we ask Darlene Vogel and Jason Engle to write a grant request or perhaps to write the actual plan as they have much experience.

V. Some CAB Members met on June 24th to brainstorm ideas for the Ag Plan: Some points of concern:

Loss of farmland due to lot size requirements.

Flag Lots

"Prime" Farm land definition

Need to obtain soil classifications

Development pressures: 1) good school, 2) safe neighborhoods, 3) good infrastructure. Need Buffalo to be a thriving city to decrease the development pressure on Marilla.

VI. Ag Day Preliminary Discussion:

Some ideas: Twister with vegetables

Computer technology used on Farms

2-Day event instead of 1-day

VII. Next Meeting: **First Thursday in August.**

VI. Adjournment: Jim Hopper moved and Marian seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm. AYES: 7 NAYES: 0 MOTION: Carried

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah Lerner