

TOWN OF MARILLA  
CONSERVATION ADVISORY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

DATE:       **APRIL 1, 2008**

1.     Call to Order

Roger Gustavel called the meeting to order at 6:49 pm.

Members Present: Roger Gustavel, Dave Coder, Joe Lankes, Pat Blarr, Jay Walkowiak and Bud Pearce

Fred Specht, Town Council Rep

2.     Approval of Minutes

Pat moved and Bud seconded the approval of minutes from meeting held on March 4, 2008.

AYES: 6 NAYES: 0 MOTION: Carried

3.     Reports

- WNYL Conservancy renewal approved for this board for another year
- CAB Letter to DEC was mailed stating our opposition to the proposed burning ban.
- Berner Property on Clinton and Two Rod Road Update – Planning Board held a public hearing regarding Greg Willey’s proposal to construct a 285 unit Senior Housing Development at the corner of Two Rod Road and Clinton Street. Also, Ken Kelchlin wants to move his snow mobile/tractor business from Townline and Clinton to Two Rod and Clinton. Planning Board did not vote on this issue yet. CAB members will go to the Town’s website to access the Planning Board minutes. CAB members will then review them in order to make a recommendation to the Town Board. CAB will then communicate to the Town Board regarding its position on this issue.
- Zoning verbiage on the “Welcome to Marilla” signs – Fred informed CAB that the town attorney is researching this matter. CAB questioned whether the zoning verbiage was mandatory or not.
- Fred provided CAB with a permit request from Dan Gerhardt (GC Acres). Gerhardt plans to build a barn in which drying manure is processed. CAB reviewed the required documentation that Fred provided. CAB discussed and questioned this issue.

Roger moved and Pat seconded to approve the permit request.

AYES: 6 NAYES: 0 MOTION: Carried

- Roger informed that the Erie County legislature is securing funding for county towns to purchase “Right to Farm” signs. (Robert Reynolds, legislator)
- Roger informed CAB that the WNYLC needs volunteers to be stewards (police/monitor) for PACE/PDR property in Marilla. Roger expressed that CAB members would fit this role very well because of our mutual interests. Fred asked Roger to get more information regarding the town’s liability if some unfortunate incident should occur while CAB members perform this duty.

- PACE/PDR Portfolio – CAB viewed John Whitney’s presentation of PACE properties on Roger’s laptop computer. Dave volunteered to create a PDF presentation very similar to John’s for our use when meeting with residents interested in the PACE program. Also, Dave will ask J. Whitney for an enlarged copy of the PACE GIS Overview Map dated 9/10/07. CAB currently has this map on an 8 1/2” x 11” page.

4. Unfinished Business

- Town Park – Phase I put on hold for now.
- Rohl property on Clinton Street and Two Rod Road – Fred informed CAB that this issue is in a stalemate at this time. The developer is resistant to meeting the Town’s specifications.

5. Adjournment

- Pat moved and Dave seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 pm.  
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0 MOTION: Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Blarr  
CAB Clerk