

TOWN OF MARILLA
CONSERVATION ADVISORY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

DATE: March 3, 2009

1. Call to Order

Roger Gustavel called the meeting to order at 6:53PM.

Members Present: Roger Gustavel, Jim Heinrich, Jay Walkowiak, Pat Blarr

2. Approval of Minutes – Jim motioned to accept the February minutes as written. Pat seconded the motion.

AYES: 4 NAYES: 0 MOTION: Carried

3. Reports from Members

- PACE Program status – Roger reported that according to Jason Engel (Town Consultant) the state allocated \$30 million last year. 2009 the allocation is \$17.5 million. 2010 the anticipated allocation is \$12-15 million.

6:55 pm Fred Specht, Town Board Rep. Joined meeting

Jason's advice is to keep submitting because of Marilla's history in the PACE program. An application has a better chance of approval if the landowner and the town reduce any cost to the state. Prime soils will be the new priority with the Dept of Ag & Mkts.

Pat handed out the updated Questionnaire and Rating Criteria forms.

Roger will ask Jason about current land prices.

- 2008 Building Dept. Report – Roger passed out a copy of this report. 2008 only six permits were issued. 2007 11 permits were issued.
- WNYLC – Roger passed out a letter from the WNYLC which acknowledged our membership.
- Roger passed out the 2009 Erie County Soil & Water Conservation Tree & Shrub program flyer.
- CAB Member Status – Fred informed CAB he has a stack of applications to review. The Town Board will make a decision March 12.
- Fred informed CAB that the rezoning of the proposed Greenwood Terrace development is back to the Planning Board.
- Fred informed CAB that he and George Gertz (Town Supervisor) will meet with the Marilla Senior Citizens on March 12 to discuss the Senior Housing Proposal for Two Rod and Clinton Roads. Town Board has still not made a decision.

7:10 pm John Fronczek joined meeting

4. New Business

- John Fronczek is resident applying for PACE. John answered numerous questions from the PACE Questionnaire

7:18 pm Fred excused from meeting

7:35 pm John excused from meeting

5. Unfinished Business

- CAB continued discussing and rating Dale Foss and John Fonczek properties. Roger suggested that CAB disregard the Rating Criteria use of points and replace the points with a “positive”, “neutral” and “negative” system. In CAB’s communication to the town board the strengths and weaknesses of a property will be explained further to show how CAB reached its decision.

Jim moved to delete the Rating Criteria use of points and replace with a “positive”, “neutral” and “negative” system. Jay seconded the motion

. AYES: 4 NAYES: 0 MOTION: Carried

Jim suggested that CAB should consider approaching landowners about the PACE program rather than waiting for landowners to come to CAB. Roger suggested that CAB had done so last year and should do so again next year.

CAB plans on making a PACE recommendation to the town board at the next meeting, April 7.

Pat will delete the points on the Rating Criteria form and make copies for all members for next meeting.

6. Adjournment

- Roger moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 pm. Jay seconded the motion.

AYES: 4 NAYES: 0 MOTION: Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Blarr
CAB Clerk