

TOWN OF MARILLA
CONSERVATION ADVISORY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

DATE: MAY 6, 2008

1. Call to Order

Roger Gustavel called the meeting to order at 6:45 pm.

Members Present: Roger Gustavel, Jim Heinrich, Dave Coder, Joe Lankes, Pat Blarr, Jay Walkowiak

Fred Specht, Town Council Rep

2. Reports – Due to time constraints Roger requested that Fred present his reports as the first order of business.

Bud Pearce arrived 6:50 pm

- Fred shared John Foss' plans regarding his purchase of Lot #2 on Two Rod Road and Clinton Street intersection. Foss plans to enlarge his floral shop.
- Fred shared update to Berner Property on Clinton and Two Rod Road – Planning Board received a sketch plan regarding Ken Kelchlin's snow mobile/tractor business. No detailed plan yet. The Planning Board needs more plans from Greg Willey regarding his proposal to construct a 285 unit Senior Housing Development at the corner of Two Rod Road and Clinton Street. At this point in time the Willey proposal is not being focused on. The Public hearing meeting on May 8 will probably center around Kelchlin proposal. CAB members were asked however, to make recommendations to the Town Board regarding Willey's proposal. Pat came up with the following concerns: 1) Traffic Signal at intersection due to increased traffic; 2) Housing to be set back from the road at least 500 feet due to sight distance; 3) Added demand for Fire/Ambulance/EMT/Police services; 4) Storm water drainage; 5) Suitability of septic system; 6) Impact on tax revenue for town
- Fred shared Clarence Gerhardt (GC Acres) composting facility was approved and the building permit issued.

3. Approval of Minutes

Pat moved and Joe seconded the approval of minutes from meeting held on April 1, 2008, with two corrections. 1) Craig corrected to Greg. 2) Ken added to Kelchlin.

AYES: 7 NAYES: 0 MOTION: Carried

4. Reports from Board Members

- Jim informed CAB that Sally Kutter contacted him with the date of Ag Day, September 14, at the Pavilion. CAB is again invited to participate. Roger knows someone who is interested in bringing his antique farm equipment for display.

- PACE/PDR Portfolio - Dave informed members that John Whitney can enlarge (poster size or larger) the PACE GIS Overview Map dated 9/10/07 and make copies. Dave will request John to make three poster size or larger copies. One for supervisor's office; one for town hall; one for display for Ag Day. Fred suggested that CAB start a folder containing the history of the PACE properties. Each property would have such information as the year it was accepted into the program; list inspection dates, what is being done with the property from year to year; list of violations, etc. This folder could be included with the Portfolio.
- Roger informed members that the same PACE applicants from last year are interested again this year. (Airey, Gingerich, Spanitz) No one has responded to the newspaper article.
- Roger informed members that he spoke to Pat Szarpa of the WNYLC regarding conservation easement stewardship of the Marilla PACE properties. Rob Besanceney, the WNYLC stewardship representative, will be contacting him. Rob has already done some of the monitoring visits, but has more scheduled for May 15. Rob will be able to show us what needs to be done for the easement stewardship. Any CAB member available that day is encouraged to participate. Jim H. informed members that the CAB was involved in easement stewardship in the past.

5. New Business

- Jim was contacted by an Eagle Scout looking for a project. CAB suggested possibly continuing the Town Park trail or cleaning out the park where dumping occurred.
- Roger suggested the June 3rd meeting take place at the Town Park at 6:45 pm. This was agreed upon.
- Fred informed members regarding the term condominium and its impact on tax rates. Condominiums have a 48% less tax rate vs. single family dwelling. This has a large impact on towns financially.
- In response to a question from an earlier meeting, Fred informed members that the highest elevation in town is at Liberia and East Blood Roads.

Fred excused himself at 7:25 pm.

- Roger suggested that all members review last year's minutes regarding the Town Park Phases so we will be prepared for our next meeting at the Town Park.

6. Old Business

- "Right to Farm" signs – Members are concerned that the county "Right to Farm" signs will take too long to be created/developed and the design will be too plain and look just like every other town's. Members think the Marilla signs could be more unique and appropriate if we develop/design them ourselves. Dave will create a "Welcome to Marilla – A Right to Farm Community" sign on his computer preferably with a barn and silo outline. He will design signs from the simple to the more unique. Jim will contact one of the Dabb boys to gather more information about the production of such signs.

New Business Continued

- Bud informed members that a subdivision application on Bullis Road east of Greenwood (north side of Bullis) will be submitted. The zoning would need to be changed. The property consists of 47 acres and proposing 19 lots.

7. Adjournment

- Jim moved and Jay seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 pm.
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0 MOTION: Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Blarr
CAB Clerk