

TOWN OF MARILLA  
CONSERVATION ADVISORY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

**DATE:** May 5, 2009

1. Call to Order

Roger Gustavel called the meeting to order at 6:47PM.

Members Present: Roger Gustavel, Bud Pearce, Debbie Beats, Jim Heinrich, Jim Hopper  
Fred Specht, Town Board Rep.,

2. Approval of Minutes – Jim Heinrich motioned to accept the April minutes as written. Bud Pearce seconded the motion.

AYES: 5      NAYES: 0      MOTION: Carried

3. Reports from Members

- Councilman Fred Specht informed the CAB members that the town board wanted to see a ranking of the properties that were being considered for this years PACE program. They unanimously wanted the CAB to rank them using the point system that had been used the previous two years. Jim Heinrich responded with the reasons that the CAB had voted to abandon the point system. After discussion, the members agreed to review rating using the point system and forward the results to the town board.
- The members discussed the Dale Foss parcel (Williston Rd.) especially concerns over the gas well, gas lines, and the building lot which had been surveyed off from the parcel.
- Fred reported that the Water District 5 is moving along and waiting on the Town of Alden to decide if they are going to be fed from the line or not. It would be necessary to install 12” lines vs. 8” lines if they do.
- Roger reported that Highway Superintendent Ron Underdorfer has “Right to Farm” signs ready to install and waiting for opportunity to do so.

**Old Business**

- The members discussed the properties that were proposed for PACE over the past 3 years and how they rated. Then went on to rank the Dale Foss property with much discussion of the gas well and line on property.
- Also using the point system, the members ranked the Fronczek, Jeff Spanitz, and Earl Gingerich Jr. properties that had all been proposed for PACE.
- The ranking point totals were as follows:  
Foss – 115 points  
Fronczek – 115 points  
Spanitz – 115 points  
Gingerich – 150 points

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- The members agreed that they would recommend both the Foss and Gingerich parcels for the 2009 PACE program to the Town Board.
- In order to compare this year's PACE applicants, the members decided to rank an existing PACE parcel using the points system. They used Leonard Janiga's parcel on Jamison Road which had been accepted into PACE approximately 3 years ago. This parcel scored 115 points. It was agreed to include this ranking in the recommendation letter to the town board to illustrate the ineffectiveness of the point system.

5. Adjournment

- Roger moved to adjourn the meeting. Jim Heinrich seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 pm.

AYES: 5      NAYES: 0      MOTION: Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Gustavel  
CAB Chairman