

TOWN OF MARILLA  
CONSERVATION ADVISORY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

DATE:       **MARCH 4, 2008**

1.     Call to Order

Roger Gustavel called the meeting to order at 6:48 pm.

Members Present: Roger Gustavel, Joe Lankes, Pat Blarr, Jay Walkowiak and Bud Pearce  
Fred Specht, Town Council Rep

2.     Approval of Minutes

Joe moved and Jay seconded the approval of minutes from meeting held on February 7, 2008.

AYES: 5 NAYES: 0 MOTION: Carried

3.     Reports

- PACE/PDR Press Event – Roger, Joe and Fred attended. Approximately 30 in attendance. Joe gave each member a copy of the press release and a color map of the Marilla PACE properties as of 9/10/2007. WNYLC will provide Roger with a slideshow (on disk) the agency produced of the PACE/PDR properties in Marilla.
- Alden Advertiser DEC Burning issue – Nancy Gish will correct an error as reported in this local newspaper. The town and this board are in favor of open burning. It was reported that the town and this board are NOT in favor of open burning.
- CAB Letter to DEC was completed and sent stating our opposition to the proposed burning ban.
- Clinton Street Rezoning/Update – Planning Board meeting regarding Craig Willey's proposal to construct a 285 unit Senior Housing Development at the corner of Two Rod Road and Clinton Street. CAB can write a letter to the Town Board regarding its position on this issue.
- Building Department Report – New homes built in 2007 – 11. Average number of new homes built for last 10 years – 17
- CAB Member rate has changed from \$26.52 to \$28.00 per meeting. Chairperson from \$38.21 to \$40.00. Clerk from \$10.59 to \$10.91 per hour.

Fred excused himself from meeting at 7:00 pm.

4.     Unfinished Business

- Roger has a large map of the town showing acreage under the USDA for agriculture made by Ag & Mkts. It is dated 2005. CAB would like to hang this map in Town Hall. CAB would like to have the above mentioned Marilla PACE map dated 9/10/2007 enlarged to be hung in Town Hall, as well.
- “Right to Farm” signs – Roger will give Joe the specs to take to the Cemetery Road sign shop.

5. New Business

- PACE/PDR letter - CAB Clerk will update letter to be published in local newspapers and email it to Roger when completed.
- Saturday March 8, 2008 – Annual Rural Landowners Workshop seminars will be held at Pioneer Central School. Geared towards large landowners.
- OLD PACE/PDR applications – Roger brought applications from previous years for CAB members to review. These applications contain much information and the large amount of work to gather that information is evident by the size of the applications.
- Roger informed CAB that Gingerich is interested in applying for a PACE/PDR grant for his property at the corner of Three Rod and Liberia Roads. It consists of approximately 38 acres and Little Buffalo Creek runs through it.

Joe excused himself from the meeting at 7:17 pm.

- Roger will get this year's deadline date for the PACE/PDR applications.
- 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.
- Gingerich/Janiga property that borders the Fire Company property on Two Rod Road. – Roger would like CAB to look into the possibility of this property being donated to the town, again.

6. Adjournment

- Bud moved and Jay seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 pm.  
AYES: 4 NAYES: 0 MOTION: Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Blarr  
CAB Clerk