



Harford County Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes April 6, 2021

Opening

The meeting of the Harford County Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board was called to order at 7:00pm on April 6, 2021 via conference call.

Board Attendees

Jeff Holloway, Megan McMillian, Jim Morris, Jackie Smithson and John Stump

Staff: Bill Amoss & Jen Wilson

Guests: Scott & Cindy Poteet

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Morris moved to approve minutes from the February 2, 2021 meeting with Ms. McMillian seconding. The minutes were approved unanimously without changes or amendments.

New Business

- Mr. Amoss introduced a proposal by Mr. & Mrs. Poteet to place a veterinary business in their farm within an existing building. He explained the process to do so required Board approval, and approvals through Planning & Zoning and the permits office. The proposed use is allowed under the County Code as a Special Development and is permitted under the County easement. Mr. and Mrs. Poteet presented their request and explained their daughter recently purchased an existing veterinary practice but needs to relocate the business by the end of the year. Mr. & Mrs. Poteet would like their daughter to be able to use their existing pole barn for the practice. The existing practice serves clients in Harford and Cecil Counties, as well as portions of Delaware. Mr. Holloway motioned to approve the request, seconded by Ms. Smithson. The request was approved.
- The Board reviewed a request by the Glock family for a child lot for their son. The farm is currently rented to Clear Meadow Farm and is comprised of approximately 160 acres under a County easement. The farm has been in the program for about fifteen years and is located across from the Fallston Airport. The Board reviewed the request letter and map submitted by the Glock

family. A motion was properly moved and seconded to approve the request and the motion passed.

- Mr. Amoss reviewed the progress of the 15 offers made in October. One is ready for settlement. Surveys are coming in and he expects settlements to start within the next month. The 2021 round of offers has begun. 27 offers were made, 20 accepted. Legislation is being drafted for those offers. Last week he was given the ok to make offers to the remaining applicants on the list. 8 additional offers have gone out and have about 2 weeks to respond. He expects the proposed legislation to be submitted to the County Council at the later part of April.
- Mr. Amoss reviewed the status of the MALPF program. All of the 2019 offers have settled and they are working on the 2020 settlements, of which Delp, Trout and Hess have already settled. Offers for 2021 were sent last week to landowners. Mr. Amoss is answer lots of questions from landowners as they review their offers. He is also work on applicants for the 2022 round. He noted the deadline to submit an application to his office is June 1 and encouraged the Board to reach out to their contacts for potential applicants. He'd like to have 6-8 applications to submit.
- Mr. Amoss reviewed the status of the Rural Legacy program. One farm is being reviewed by the Board of Public Works at their April 21st meeting and is moving toward settlement. Overall there are currently 57 farms working toward settlement across all programs. The most recent round of offers will increase the total number of acres preserved at on 61,000 acres.
- Ms. Wilson reviewed the progress of the yearly compliance inspections. With the postponement of the 2020 MALPF inspections due to COVID, there is a total of 37 MALPF inspections to complete this spring and 4 for the Rural Legacy program.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm