

AGRICULTURAL PRESERVATION BOARD

MINUTES

Thursday

October 19, 2006 - 7:00 p.m.

CONFERENCE ROOM B

200 Grand River Avenue, 2nd Floor, Port Huron, MI 48060

1. Call to Order

Chairman Jim Reid called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present: Chuck Kwasnik, Dianna Seifert, Sue Sniegocki, Jim Reid,
and Jim Hayes

Excused: Mike Lauwers, Rick Mills, Ken Langmesser

Absent: Pat Anger (Terry Gill)

Staff: Dave Struck

3. Citizens Wishing to be Heard

None.

4. Approval of September 21, 2006 Minutes

Jim Hayes made a motion to accept the September 21, 2006 minutes as presented, Sue seconded, motion passes unanimously.

5. Financial Report

September Report

Motion to accept the September financial report made by Jim Hayes and seconded by Chuck; motion passes unanimously.

6. Old Business

a. Newsletter

Kristen Jurs is on vacation and will do an article for the January newsletter. Jim Reid will talk to the parents of Miranda Jerlecki about putting her picture and name in the next addition of newsletter. Dave has the pictures taken at the fair of Miranda. Dianna will send Dave a picture of Ken for the next issue.

b. Printing Services for Newsletter

Quotes from three businesses can be found in the packet. Thorpe was the cheapest at \$351.00. Jim Hayes made a motion to do the next printing with Thorpe on approval of a "proof" copy before it goes to the printer; Sue seconded; all in favor; motion carried.

c. Fall Farm Tour Wrap Up

A new tally was handed out at the meeting making the grand total of attendees 470. Next year will include a sign-in column for both the number of parties and the actual number of people. The farms that had animals had the best turn out. One person was from the Detroit area – works at Greek Town. People from Sanilac County asked that

we do more advertising next year in their county. The RESA deal fell through, sometimes they don't even pay attention to announcements they receive. Next year we will hand deliver brochures and make sure we have enough for each student from K through 4 for all the elementary schools. Port Huron Northern has a "Tree Club" and these students could help us spread the word at the Port Huron schools. Jim Hayes was asked to do a live interview with Paul Miller on WPHM 1380 AM Friday the 13th which went very well. Paul asked a lot of questions concerning farmland preservation. The Times Herald had a talk back comment referring to Jim Reid's opinion article agreeing with the importance of farmland preservation. Stacey Kautz sent Jim Hayes and email from Susan Jones expressing how much her and her family enjoyed the farm tour and are looking forward to going again next year. Kids climbed tractors, pet cows and saw just how big a combine is up close. Jim Hayes suggested paying for a ½ page add in the Times Herald for next year. Plans are to have the farm tour in the southern part of the county for 2007. The 1st farm tour was a success.

- d. Subcommittees – Letter to the Larger Group
A copy of the letter is included in the packet. There are approximately 30 people on the list that will receive this letter. Jim Reid suggested sending an invite to the Farm Bureau Board and the Soil Conservation District Board also. Jim Hayes suggested sending a letter to Dave Patterson who recently sent in a donation. If anyone can think of anyone else who should be invited email Dave Struck.
- e. MSU Urban Planning Practicum Project
Two examples of past projects are included in the packet. Dave will contact Scott Everett and ask about applying for his mini-grant to pay for the college students to work on this project.

7. New Business

- a. Land Use Capacity Building Workshop
A workshop to be held on October 30, 2006 at 6:30 in Lapeer with Mark Wyckoff and Soji Adelaga, both from MSU, as the featured speakers.
- b. Agricultural Preserve Boards of Michigan
This meeting will be on November 9, 2006 in Lansing. Will try to talk to Ken DeCook from Macomb County at this meeting.
- c. Meeting with Macomb and Lapeer Counties
Decided to have our December meeting with Lapeer County instead of having an official meeting of our own. Try to meet with them at a restaurant.
- d. American Farmland Trust – New Research
This article can be found in the packet.

e. Township Resolutions

We need to revisit the townships who have not signed their resolution after the first of the year. Jim Reid wants to target Clyde Township's Planning Commission. No contact with Lynn Township as of yet.

8. Other Business

a. Staff Report

Need to set a meeting time schedule for 2007. Sue made a motion to have all meetings start at 7:00 p.m., except for the months of January through March which will start at 3:00p.m; Dianna seconds, motion passes unanimously. Need starting times in order to book the room for our meetings in advance. Chuck made a motion to cancel the December meeting and make it an unofficial meeting with Lapeer County; Sue seconds; motion passes unanimously.

b. Items for November Meeting

Focus will be on the big group discussing the subcommittees.

c. Newspaper Articles

See packet.

9. Adjournment

Jim Hayes made a motion to adjourn; Chuck seconds; motion passes unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianna Seifert
Secretary