



FREDERICK COUNTY GOVERNMENT

DIVISION OF PLANNING & PERMITTING
Department of Planning

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Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board

Minutes of Monday, August 27th, 2018

Approved 9/22/2018

Members Present: Richard Grossnickle, Chair; Samuel Tressler III, Vice Chair; Dick Bittner, and Paul Spurrier

Members Absent: Eric Troxell

Staff Present: Anne Bradley, Program Administrator; Shannon O'Neil, Planner I

The meeting was called to order by Chair Grossnickle at 7:00 p.m.

I. Minutes

A. Minutes from July 23, 2018

Anne Bradley presented the minutes from the July 23, 2018 meeting for approval. Mr. Spurrier made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Bittner seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Vote: Yea 4 Nay 0 Abstain 0

II. MALPF

A. Special Occasion Event Venue Review Criteria

Anne Bradley provided review criteria regarding the new MALPF policy (House Bill 1351) concerning commercial special occasion events on MALPF easements. The Board agreed with the proposed criteria and chose to add one condition.

Vice Chair Tressler made a motion to approve the MALPF Special Occasion Event Review Criteria #A through C, with the addition of #D. The Applicant must reside in Frederick County. Mr. Spurrier seconded the motion. The motion was approved with Mr. Bittner abstaining because of a conflict of interest.

Vote: Yea 3 Nay 0 Abstain 1

B. Guyton Child's Lot Request

Shannon O'Neil presented a request from the Guyton's for a child's lot for their daughter Janell. This Board previously approved two preliminary child's lot

locations for Janell, but neither locations were feasible. The new proposed location does meet site distance requirements and did pass a perc test.

Mr. Bittner made a motion to approve the request for a child's lot for Janell Droneburg on the Guyton easement. Mr. Spurrier seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Vote: Yea 4 Nay 0 Abstain 0

III. Program Status Reports

A. MALPF

Anne Bradley provided an update on the FY19 MALPF cycle, noting the date of the County Council public hearing review is September 4.

B. IPP

Anne Bradley reported that the deadline for the FY19 cycle is September 1.

C. Critical Farms

Anne Bradley reported that all 3 applicants who received offers in the FY18 cycle have now settled. She also mentioned that staff will be putting an item on a future meeting agenda to discuss possible updates to the application criteria.

D. MARBIDCO Next Generation

Anne Bradley reported that one application from Frederick County was submitted to MARBIDCO by the 7/31/18 deadline.

E. Rural Legacy

Anne Bradley reported that the County received a \$3.1 million grant for the FY19 Rural Legacy Program. She estimated the funds will purchase about 500 acres.

F. CREP

Anne Bradley reported that nearly twenty CREP easements are pending and in different stages of review right now.

G. Other Violation Updates

Anne Bradley reported that the violation on the Anthony MALPF easement property continues, but is on the road to compliance.

Chair Grossnickle adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.