

Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board

Regular Meeting Minutes

November 9, 2021

7:00 p.m.

Attendance: John Fendrick, Margaret Giblin, Nicholas Deluca, Michael Jamison

Staff: Mike Scheffel

Guests: George Worthington, Skylar Miller, Perry Kapsch, Laura Beth Resnick, Jascha Owens

The meeting was called to order at 6:59 pm.

Introductions were made as there were three requests coming before the Board.

1. Approval October meeting minutes

Fendrick made a motion to approve the October meeting minutes as submitted, Giblin seconded, motion passed.

2. AEP Easement Program

a. Beverly/Broad Creek Run Farm, LLC update

Scheffel received contact from Parks indicating something formal would be coming shortly, to date nothing has been received.

b. George Worthington – child lot request and forest mitigation bank phase III

George and his daughter Skylar attended the meeting asking approval for a building lot and phase III of the forest mitigation bank on the property. The easement was settled in 2008 on two parcels containing 128.0324 acres and saving 5 TDRs. George submitted a request on August 18, 2021, for the building lot on P910 of the easement for his daughter Skyland to for phase III of the mitigation bank on the same parcel. After discussing the location and size of the building lot and reviewing the previous mitigation banks on the farm, the Board approved of both requests after Jamison made the motion and Deluca seconded. Scheffel will prepare a letter and send to George describing what must occur to build the house.

c. Laura Beth Resnick – 3200 Damascus Rd – MARBIDCO SNAG Program Proposal

Laura Beth and her husband Jascha presented their business and proposal for MARBIDCO's SNAG program to the Board. They have a successful cut-flower operation in Baltimore County and want to relocate to a bigger farm. The property they have a signed contract on is located at 3200 Damascus Rd, it's 27.94 acres, AR zoned, ag assessed, soils meet the eligibility criteria and its adjacent to preserved land. The proposed easement process would not extinguish a development right on the farm and as such, to complete their end of the deal, Laura Beth and Jascha would donate an easement to the County. After hearing the proposal, the Board approved of Scheffel working to complete application and determine the best way for the County to accept the donated easement after Jamison made the motion and Giblin seconded.

d. Kapsch – lot request- 20210 West Hunter Rd

The Kephart/Kapsch family sold an easement to the County in 1991 on their 28.71-acre farm located at 20210 West Hunter Rd. Prior to the easement being settled the Kepharts had an approved septic site for the farm with the intention to be the house on the farm. Perry sent in a request for

3. Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation

- a. Alternative Energy and Violations Policy Update (attached)

4. RLP Easement Program

- a. FY22 update

5. Legislative activities

- a. Farm Tour – 10/22
- b. Bill 5-21 (attached)
- c. Bill 16-21 (attached)
- d. Bill 40-21 (attached)

6. Other business

- a. Meeting with MCEDC – Comprehensive Economic Strategy Discussion
- b. BLT funds

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm.

