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## Baltimore County Agriculture Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

**MEETING: April 11, 2018 Board Meeting – 6:30 pm – 8:34 pm @ The Baltimore County Center for Maryland Agriculture, 1114 Shawan Road, Cockeysville, MD 21030**

**FIELD MEETING INTRODUCTION:** No Quorum.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Gail Ensor, Stephen Myer

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Scott Welsh, John Merryman, Russell Berk

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Wally Lippincott (Staff), Joe Wiley (Staff)

### **BOARD MEETING AT THE BALTIMORE COUNTY CENTER FOR MARYLAND AGRICULTURE**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** John Merryman, Scott Welsh, Stephen Myer, Gail Ensor, Russell Berk

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Russell Berk

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Wally Lippincott (Staff), Joe Wiley (Staff), Anne Jones (Land Preservation Trust), Fernando Ramirez (Landowner), Sebastian Ramirez (landowner Child)

**INTRODUCTION:** The meeting was opened at 6:41 pm by Gail Ensor.

### **I. BALTIMORE COUNTY EASEMENT/LANDOWNER REQUESTS/ ISSUES**

#### **A. Fernando Ramirez (BC 10-05) -1905 Bond Road, Parkton. 66.78 acre.**

**Request**– Board review and approval for a child’s lot on a Baltimore County Agricultural Easement.

**Background:** This property is under a Baltimore County Agricultural Easement. The easement settled October 2010. There have been no requests since the approval of the easement. It is leased for grain.

The easement provides the right for a child’s lot for 1 acre but may exceed if necessary for well and septic. The applicant shall submit a request for the location subject to approval of the Advisory Board and County that it will have minimal impact on the agricultural capability of the farm. The child is required to live in the house for one year and to pay back the easement value for the acreage removed from the easement.

**DISCUSSION:** Wally Lippincott (Staff) gave an overview of the property and request. There are two request, 1) Request for Child’s Lot & 2) General Exemption for Agricultural Purposed. All paperwork received and in good order. Lot chosen to comply with county standards. Option brought up by the landowners of instead of child’s lot, since main house is separate from the farm, make the proposed house non-subdividable. Board recommends moving house to north east corner for safety and privacy concerns in future. Landowner agrees with the new location and new recommendation to make the proposed house the non-subdividable lot.

**Motion 1:** Recommend a one acre lot, up to two acres, approval for childs lot, as shown on exhibit A.

**Motion by: John Merryman**

**Second by: Steve Myer**





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**Second by: Scott Welsh**

**Decision: Unanimous Approval**

## **V. PROGRAM POLICY**

FY 19 LESA Agricultural Board Evaluation Ranking Sheet Changes

F1) Size – Proposed: When two (2) or more contiguous properties apply, each are scored based on the combined acreage

F3) Stewardship/conservation of Land, Water and Natural resources – 4 points if have or on a list. 0 points No Plan or not on list.

W1) Access & protection of Surface Water and Groundwater and Water Conservation –

High- Visible or documentation that there is significant use and/or protection of surface and groundwater as evidenced by livestock drinkers, stream crossings, stream buffers, springhouses, ponds, etc... - 6 Points

Moderate – Visible or documentation that there is moderate use and protection of surface and groundwater as evidenced by livestock drinkers, stream crossings, stream buffers, springhouses, ponds, etc.. – 4 Points

Existing - Visible or documentation that there are surface and/or groundwater water sources as evidenced by livestock drinkers, active springs, springhouses, ponds, etc. – 2 Points

## **VI. OLD BUSINESS UPDATES:**

Wally updated the board on the MALPF Feb 2018 Meeting – Prigel, Wilhelmson, and Bernstein/Tracy.

**Wilhelmson** – MALPF approved the request for a 1-acre non-subdivideable, unrestricted lot.

**Prigel** – MALPF approved the request for on-site sales of prepared foods at their creamery retail location

**Bernstein/Tracy** – MALPF approved the request for an agricultural subdivision of the property into a ~60 acre parcel and a ~22.597 acre parcel

## **VII. STATUS OF EASEMENT TRANSACTIONS/ INSPECTIONS/ UPDATES**

Wally updated the board on pending Easement statuses and inspections completed. Bowman and Huggins have not settled. Nash is ready for settlement. 8/37 inspections completed so far for MALPF.

## **VIII. MISCELLANEOUS/INFORMATION/CORRESPONDENCE/NEWS ARTICLES**

Solar Facilities Law Committee Update – Wally discussed first meeting about the solar report to the planning board. Second meeting will be held April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Report due to Planning Board in May.

## **IX. FUTURE MEETING DATES**

The next scheduled meeting date is June 13, 2018.

## **X. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion: To Adjourn the Board meeting (@ 8:34pm)**

**Motion by: Steve Myer    Second by: Scott Welsh**

**Decision: Unanimous Approval**