

ACME TOWNSHIP FARMLAND & OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE Wellender March (2012, 1,000 per

Wednesday, March 6, 2013 1:00 p.m. Acme Township Hall 6042 Acme Road, Williamsburg MI 49690

Meeting called to Order at 1:08 p.m.

Members present: D. Hoxsie (Chair), Greg Send, Bob Carstens

Members excused: None

Staff present: S. Vreeland, Township Manager

N. Lennox, Zoning Administrator/Planner

J. Jocks, Township Legal Counsel B. Bourdages, Farmland Preservation N. Edwardson, Recording Secretary

Also present: R. Challender, R. Sayler,

1. Limited Public Comment: None

2. Approval of Minutes from February 06, 2013 meeting:

Motion by Hoxsie. Seconded by Send to approve the meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

- 3. Business:
 - 1. Review and discuss current township PDR conservation easement template
 Bourdages reviewed the document.
 - 2. Discuss need for program applicants to demonstrate clear title (oil & gas, any other Liens & encumbrances)

Jocks illustrated on a flip chart why this is important. He also provided a **DRAFT** Explanation of Oil and Gas rights for discussion and review.

3. Discuss Farmland Preservation Advisory goals for role of advising townships on PDR program design, administration, and funding.

Bourdages suggested preparing an "Q and A" document along with a letter about the program for future applicants. Vreeland, Jocks and Bourdages will present a draft at the next meeting.

4. Discuss current Agricultural Preserve Area Map

Vreeland suggested an amendment to this map to allow for owners of properties that were not interested in the PDR program in the early stages to now be able to be included. This issue will be addressed at the next meeting.

The next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, April 3, 2013, at 1:00 pm

Adjourned at 3:45 p.m.