



**ACME TOWNSHIP
FARMLAND & OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Thursday, May 25, 2006, 3:30 p.m.
Acme Township Hall
6042 Acme Road, Williamsburg MI 49690**

Meeting called to Order at 3:35 p.m.

Members present: B.Garvey (Chair) B. Carstens, W. Kladder, R. Sayler, N. Veliquette
Members excused: K. Engle
Staff present: N.Edwardson, Recording Secretary
Also present: B. Bourdages, Farmland Preservation

- 1. Limited Public Comment:** None
- 2. Approval of Minutes from April 5, 2006 and May 11, 2006 Meetings**

Motion by Veliquette. Seconded by Kladder to approve the meeting minutes from April 5, 2006, and May 11, 2006 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

- 3. Re-cap of Landowner Meeting May 11, 2006**

Bourdages was disappointed in the attendance although it was a rainy day. There was a good discussion with plenty of questions. Bourdages commented that we need to spend more time knowing our landowners. He thanked Kladder for his presentation of the history of PDR. Bourdages asked the other committee members what they thought of the meeting; Veliquette already knew enough information and now had a “wait and see” approach. Sayler thought the timing of the meeting was not the best as this is a busy time for farmers. Sayler thought there were a few issues; oil and gas leases, new federal guidelines make it difficult and where will the money come from.

- 4. Discuss process, timeline and next steps for Acme’s Township’s Farmland Preservation program**

Bourdages said that upon approval of Acme Township funds, the township in coordination with Grand Traverse County’s application cycle, conduct a voluntary application and selection process for property owners who wish to sell development rights.

- 5. Review Proposed Annual PDR Budget and Consideration of Recommendation for Approval by Township Board**

Corpe had previously emailed the Proposed 2006-07 Township Budget-Farmland Preservation Fund to the committee members. Members were able to ask questions of

Corpe. Garvey expressed concerns about the bank charges of a \$1000.00 a year. Boltres will be looking into this.

MOTION BY CARSTENS. SECONDED BY KLADDERTO APPROVE THE FARMLAND PRESERVATION FUND BUDGET FOR 2006-2007. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. Review Proposed Resolution to Participate in GT County Program and Recommendation for Township Board:

Members of the committee reviewed the proposed resolutions for Participation and the Purchase of Farmland Development Rights.

MOTION BY GARVEY. SECONDED BY SAYLOR TO PASS THE TWO RESOLUTIONS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. Update on County Board Activities and Status:

Bourdages reviewed the County Board activities. The way the County and Township Ordinances are setup, the County will have the responsibility of enforcing the Conservation easements issues.

ADJOURNED AT 5:20 p.m.