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## Harford County Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes  
March 7, 2023

### Opening

The meeting of the Harford County Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board was called to order at 6:00pm on March 7, 2023 at 220 South Main Street, Bel Air, Maryland 21014.

### Board Attendees

Jeff Holloway, Jackie Smithson and John Stump

Jim Morris and Megan McMillian were unable to attend.

Staff: Bill Amoss & Jen Wilson

Guests: see attached sign-in sheet

### Approval of Minutes

Mr. Holloway moved to approve minutes from the February 7, 2023 meeting with Ms. Smithson seconding. The minutes were approved unanimously.

### New Business

- Mr. Amoss & Ms. Wilson presented possible legislative changes in the County Program for review and discussion by the Board and members of the public. Each change being considered was explained with discussion of various topics. Feedback sheets were completed by Board members and others in attendance to provide input to County officials.
- The Board reviewed a request by The Doran Family for an existing farm market. The market is located within an existing structure, approximately 300 square feet in size, with access via the existing farm lane on Kerr Road. Parking is provided for 2-3 cars. The market is open 4 days per week with weekends being the busiest days for sales. Mr. Doran was present to answer any questions. Mr. Holloway moved to approve the request. Ms. Smithson seconded. The motion passed.
- The Board reviewed a request by Shad & Valerie Scarborough to expand the agri-tourism activities on their farm on Deths Ford Road. The Scarboroughs have an existing approval for ag-tourism and the current request would add such activities as a corn-maze, straw maze, tractor themed

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playground, jump pad, train/tractor rides, and others. The Scarboroughs plan to continue with pick your own blueberries, pumpkins, and Christmas trees. Ms. Smithson made a motion to approve the request. Mr. Holloway seconded. The motion passed.

- The Board reviewed a request by Shad & Valerie Scarborough to utilize a portion of the MALPF easement to conduct wedding ceremonies. The area would be less than 2 acres in size as limited by MALPF. The Scarboroughs are continuing to work through the DAC process to receive Site Plan Approval for the event barn on their farm, which is located outside of the MALPF easement. Ms. Smithson made a motion to approve the request. Mr. Holloway seconded. The motion passed.
- A request was made by the Enfield Family for school bus parking. The request has been tabled until the next meeting in order to obtain additional information from the bus company.
- Mr. Amoss updated the Board on the status of MALPF 2021 offers, with one remaining for settlement (Crouse). FY2022 easements are getting close to settlement, with one that should have completed settlement by now. FY2023 offers are still expected to come out in March.
- Mr. Amoss updated the Board on the County program. 12 new easements have been introduced to the County Council and a public hearing will be held on March 21<sup>st</sup>. Board members are encouraged to attend to show support for the program.
- Ms. Wilson updated the Board on the Rural Legacy Program. Settlement was completed on the Majors' property and the Hills and Hollows easement was approved by the Board of Public Works.

## **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm