



## Harford County Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board

### Meeting Minutes April 5, 2022

#### Opening

The meeting of the Harford County Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board was called to order at 7:00pm on April 5, 2022 at 220 South Main Street, Bel Air, Maryland 21014.

#### Board Attendees

Jeff Holloway, Megan McMillian, Jackie Smithson and John Stump

Jim Morris was unable to attend.

Staff: Bill Amoss & Jen Wilson

Guests: Dave Thompson, Kristin Kirkwood, 2 members of the public

#### Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the February 1, 2022 meeting were approved without changes.

#### New Business

- The Board reviewed a request by the Phipps family for 2 child lots, 1 for each child (Kelly & Ryan). The Board reviewed the proposed locations for the lots along Jones Road and discussed the current use of the land. Mr. Holloway motioned to approve the locations. Ms. McMillian seconded the motion. The motion passed
- The Board heard a presentation by Kristin Kirkwood and Dave Thompson regarding the results of the Study Group formed by Councilman Shrodes to review the program and make recommendations of possible changes to the County PDR program. Mr. Thompson provided background on the Council's concerns and how the group worked to review the program. Ms. Kirkwood provided details on the Study Group's recommendations that were developed by a smaller technical committee formed from the group. The Board provided some feedback and planned to review the documents further.
- Mr. Amoss gave updates on pending MALPF settlements and the offers that were recently sent out for the FY2022 applications. Two (2) offers had already been accepted. Staff are currently seeking applicants for the FY2023 cycle, which must be submitted to MALPF by July 1.

- Mr. Amoss provided updates on the County program. Staff is currently working on bring nine (9) easements to settlement and recently received approval from the Board of Estimates. Title work has been coming in and owners are working with their surveyors to provide boundary plats. Settlements for this round must between May 11 and November 1.
- Mr. Amoss provided updates on the Rural Legacy Program. One (1) farm is currently under review by the Department of Natural Resources and will need to go before the Board of Public Works.
- The members of the public in attendance offered comments regarding the importance of educating the public on the preservation programs and felt they learned a great deal just by sitting in on the Board meeting.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm