

02/23/10 Conservation Board Minutes

TOWN of ELMA CONSERVATION BOARD
1600 Bowen Road Elma, NY 14059

MINUTES OF MEETING – February 23, 2010

The Regular Meeting of the Town of Elma Conservation Board, hereinafter referred to as the ECB, was held on Tuesday, February 23, 2010 at 7:05 PM in the Supervisor Office at the Elma Town Hall, 1600 Bowen Road, Elma, NY.

PRESENT: ABSENT:

Chairman Bryant Zilke Member Michael Sobczak Member Raymond Boy
Member Laurence Daley
Member William Jackson
Member Kenneth Schroeder
Recording Secretary Kerry Galuski

I APPROVE MINUTES – February 2, 2010

Motion to approve minutes of February 2, 2010 postponed until next meeting when the changes are made.

II UPDATE ON LAND INVENTORY PROJECT

A. Review Elma parcel maps

50 acre properties were handed out and the businesses were suggested to remove from the list. The list should be put on the GIS software and the properties outlined. The attributes should be gone over for each property.

III CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

A. Update on PDR Grant 2006

Maybe we should team up with the Genesee or WNY Conservancy and do a Conservation Easement with them. Do a partnership with one of these groups in the future? A permanent easement like the Janiga property is a possible way to go. Chances

for grants like the Janiga grant are almost impossible right now.

B. Follow up - Cost Benefit Model

Kudos to Ray for a job well done on the cost benefit model. Ray went over his cost model and what it would cost a homeowner for the conservation easement. Ray handed out an article regarding Clarence and an act to preserve green space. Ray would like to sit down with Supervisor Nolan and go over his model. Bryant suggested the board review the number before the next meeting.

IV PROPOSED CONSERVATION EASEMENT LEGISLATION

A. Update on LCE Draft Legislation

Get something in writing from the Town Attorney as to the Conservation Board moving forward and not needing anything from the School Districts or the County regarding the easement program. We need clarification from Mike Nolan regarding the school and County's role in the easement program. The Board would like a letter written by Bryant to Mike regarding as to where the easement program is at. Possibly go before the Town Board and make them aware of our procedure for the easement program and where we are going from here. A letter was written by Bryant to the Supervisor but not submitted due to a conversation with Kerry. The fact that Orchard Park is not going forward yet with there an exemption is a key item. The letter to Mike should ask where the County is at and also where the four school systems are in regards to the easement. What is Phyllis's knowledge on the Conservation Easement and how she should explain it to the school systems? Bill explained what the process is for applying for the conservation easement.

Bryant writing a letter on what we have accomplished and what needs to be done, a list of the requirements of what is outstanding and how we proceed with this. Ray asked are we going to continue to meet. Bryant response is that we should still meet and go over other items. We will probably not hear anything for a few months regarding the easement program.

B. Review procedure for easement applications

We will review the procedure for easement application as soon as we understand where we are with the program.

V NEW CONSERVATION IDEAS

Storm water/green regulations

Any other new ideas for the next meeting

Discuss with the Planning Board a presentation on the GIS software, maybe we should wait until we have the software more under control. Discuss what the presentation should be about for the Planning board. What do Diane & Bill have on their schedules in the near future?

VII FYI

Building Inspector's Report – no report

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VIII ADJOURN

Motion made by Ray Boy and second by Larry Daley to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 PM.

Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kerry Galuski,
ECB Recording Secretary