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Baltimore County Agriculture Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes

MEETING: September 13, 2023 Board Meeting – 6:30 PM @ The Baltimore County Center for Maryland Agriculture, 1114 Shawan Road, Cockeysville, MD 21030.

Attendees:

Board Members Present: Steve Myer, Scott Welsh, Holly Gilmore, Brenda Strohmer, Rick Bernstein

Ex Officio Members Present: N/A

Staff: Megan Benjamin, Joe Wiley, Abigail Rogers

Others: N/A

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES/ADDITION OR DELETION OF AGENDA ITEMS:

A. Approval of Minutes of: June 14, 2023

Motion: To approve the minutes of June 14, 2023

Motioned by: Rick Bernstein Seconded by: Scott Welsh

Decision: Unanimous Approval

B. Approval of Minutes of: July 19, 2023

Motion: To approve the minutes of July 19, 2023

Motioned by: Brenda Strohmer Seconded by: Rick Bernstein

Decision: Unanimous Approval

II. MALPF EASEMENT LANDOWNER REQUESTS/ISSUES

A.Lambert – 300 Turner Crossing Road, Parkton – 135 +/- ac- (MALPF #03-05-01)

Request: Request for recommendation for reimbursement of monies paid to preliminarily release a Family Lot.

Background: The easement on this property was established in 2006. A child's lot was released for Felicia Buckingham and built in 2016. In 2019, a child's lot was requested and released for Jennifer Wolinski. Ms. Wolinski no longer plans to utilize the lot and wishes to relinquish the child's lot that was released from the easement. Together with her mother, Grace Rosier, Ms. Wolinski has requested reimbursement in the amount of \$4,585.56, which was the amount paid for the preliminary release. The Board is asked to review and recommend the request onto the State for consideration and reimbursement.

Discussion:

Megan Benjamin presented the background information. Holly Gilmore asked if the option of a child's lot is still open in the future. Ms. Benjamin indicated owners could reapply in the future, as long as the original owner/applicants own the property.

Motion: Recommendation for reimbursement of monies paid to preliminarily release a Family Lot.

Motioned by: Scott Welsh

Seconded by: Holly Gilmore

Decision: Unanimous Approval

III. BALTIMORE COUNTY EASEMENT/LANDOWNER REQUESTS/ISSUES

A.Lambert – Frank, Raymond & Sandra- 2800 Monkton Road, Monkton 92 +/- ac- (BC #02-30)

Request: Review and approval of three special events, scheduled: September 22-24, October 13-15, and November 10-12, 2023.

Background: The Franks have provided details of three proposed events, scheduled for September 22-24; October 13-15; and November 10-12, 2023. These would be the Frank's 6th thru 8th events of 2023. For the temporary events, the visitors parking area will be the same as was approved by the Board for all 2022 and 2023 temporary events (~4 acres as shown in attached exhibit). Under the Guidelines, this qualifies as a Tier 2 Ag-related event and thus requires Ag Board approval since the requested parking is greater than 2 acres (see Section B.14. page 8 of Guidelines). In addition, any event must be farm or forest related (see Section B, page 8). They will be selling their farm product at each event. Additionally, for the November event, the pony races will be conducted in the front field, adjacent to the tasting barn. Trailers for the event will be parked on the driveway from Monkton Road (Apx. 12). These same areas were used for the same purposes during the May and June 2023 events.

The number, frequency and scale of events are as limited to 8 by the Special Exception Order 2017-0327-X. If impacted, any farm or forested area must be maintained or restored to its original condition. The Board is asked to review the events to confirm they are farm or forest related and to review the requested parking area for the events listed below:

September 22-24 (noon-10pm): Market of local goods including food and produce.

October 13-15 (noon-10 pm): Fall festival with pumpkins and family activities

November 10-12 (noon-10pm): Oyster festival featuring pony racing.

Per Section B. 15 of the Guidelines, the Board should review and approve/disapprove the following:

- The events are farm or forest related
- Parking greater than 2 acres: Visitor parking (~4 acres as shown on attachment), parking related to the pony races at the November event
- The landowner has no ownership interest in a portion of the event (US Pony Racing event, no registration or fees)

Discussion:

Ms. Gilmore & Mr. Welsh recused themselves from the issue. In accordance with BCC § 7-1-301(c)(1), Mr. Bernstein disclosed that his farm, First Fruits Farm, has received donations from Inverness Brewing (2800 Monkton Road), owned by the Franks. Mr. Bernstein stated that the contributions were not major contributions and stated he felt he was able to make an unbiased recommendation related to this item.

Ms. Benjamin presented the background information. She also shared that two phone calls were received regarding Inverness's website calendar, which marks the five-year anniversary of the operation. The calendar displays the anniversary as happening all day, and some mistook that for an event happening at Inverness all day.

Motion: Approval for three events at Inverness Brewing with additional parking.

Motioned by: Brenda Strohmer

Seconded by: Steve Myer

Decision: Unanimous Approval

V. STATUS OF EASEMENT TRANSACTIONS/ INSPECTIONS/ UPDATES

Joe Wiley updated the Board on County easement inspections. County inspections were thrown off schedule with pandemic restrictions, but should be up to date at the end of this round of monitoring. In On Friday 9/15, Mr. Wiley and Abigail Rogers are doing more visits.

VI. MISCELLANEOUS/ INFORMATION/ CORRESPONDENCE/ NEWS ARTICLES

- The Board thanked Steve Meyer for his service as a member of the Board and for his term as Chairperson. Megan Benjamin presented Mr. Meyer with a resolution of gratitude from the County Executive.
- Two Resolutions are proceeding through County Council regarding easements. One is for funding FY 23 MALPF easements, four will be completed through that cycle. Three withdrew for various reasons. The other resolution is to approve the FY24 MALPF applications and ranking order.
- Department of Planning and Baltimore County Land Trust Alliance is hosting an event on land preservation at the Agriculture Center on October 19th from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. It is an opportunity for land owners to learn about the different programs available.

VII. FUTURE MEETING DATES

Next Meeting: October 11, 2023

VIII. ADJOURNMENT: 7:02 PM