



**ACME TOWNSHIP
FARMLAND & OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Monday, June 6, 2011 1:00 p.m.
Acme Township Hall
6042 Acme Road, Williamsburg MI 49690**

Meeting called to Order at 1:07 p.m.

Members present: B. Garvey, B. Carstens
Members excused: None
Staff present: W. Kladder, Township Supervisor
B. Bourdages, Farmland Preservation
N. Edwardson, Recording Secretary
Also present: K. Engle, A. Pineau, R. Sayler, C. Walter

1. **Limited Public Comment:** None
2. **Approval of Minutes from May 6, 2011 meeting:**
Motion by Garvey. Seconded by Garvey to approve the meeting minutes from May 6, 2011. Motion carried unanimously.

Bourdages wanted to review the Farmland and Open Space Preservation Program. He said the primary purpose of the program is to implement a permanent option to protect farmland; to maintain a long-term positive business environment for agriculture; preserve the rural character and scenic attributes; enhance tourism and other important environmental benefits and to maintain the quality of life for township residents.

Copies of the eligibility map for the purchase of development rights were passed around. He pointed out the properties owned by the Send, Engle, Sayler and Veliquette families that are now under the program.

Bourdages informed the advisory that we have received approximately 1200 acres in new applications. They are currently being processed by county planning. They will be scored and ranked utilizing the approval selection of the Grand Traverse County Farmland and Open Space Development Rights Ordinance. He will work with the county and township to get them formally accepted once county planning is finished.

Bourdages continues to work to close the second Send, Engle and Cherry Country Cove LLC projects as well as prepare for the next federal application round for the Sayler farm.

Adjourned at 2:00 p.m.