



**ACME TOWNSHIP
FARMLAND & OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Friday, April 8, 2011 2:00 p.m.
Acme Township Hall
6042 Acme Road, Williamsburg MI 49690**

Meeting called to Order at 2:15 p.m.

Members present: B. Garvey, B. Carstens
Members excused: None
Staff present: S. Vreeland, Township Manager
N. Edwardson, Recording Secretary
Also present: R. Challender, K. Engle, D. Hoxie, N. Veliquette, C. Walter, D. White

1. **Limited Public Comment:** None
2. **Approval of Minutes from March 11, 2011 meeting:**
Motion by Garvey. Seconded by Carstens. to approve the meeting minutes from March 11, 2011. Motion carried unanimously.
3. **Correspondence:** None
4. **Old Business:**
Open forum discussion: how Acme Township's Zoning Ordinance can be revised to be more agricultural and agribusiness-friendly
Garvey asked if there should be a more streamline, way to allow creative commercial ag businesses in the ag districts. There was agreement. The need to consider adopting an ordinance that gives the planning commission and board flexibility to consider creative and new commercial ideas within the ag district was the purpose of the [memo](#) Garvey sent to the township. The memo was forwarded to township legal counsel, Jeff Jocks, who prepared a informal [memo](#) back.

Discussion followed.

Handouts were given on Signage and Marketing Characteristics of a [Farm market](#). Vreeland said at least 50 percent of the products offered for sale at a farm market must be produced by the farm that is owned or controlled by the person who owns and controls the farm market. The means that 50 percent or more of the retail floor space during the marketing space must be devoted to products produced on and by the farm.

Discussion followed.

Vreeland handed out information on [land development options](#). The purpose of the Land Development Options section is to preserve large tracts of open-space land in order to maintain the rural and agricultural landscape and environmental resources of Acme Township by allowing the use and application of flexible development standards. She drew attention to the Planned Unit Development (PUD) section which is intended to allow, with Township approval, private or public development which is substantially in accord with the goals and objectives of the Township Master Plan

and Future Land Use Map. Vreeland showed a [graph](#) showing the zoning districts and the different planned unit development types. The type and intensity of the planned unit development will be determined on the land use classifications included in the Acme Township Zoning Map, unless waived by the Township Board.

Discussion followed.

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, May 6, 2011, at 1:00 pm.

Adjourned at 4:00 p.m.