

## York Planning Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: August 18, 2009

Present: Dave Russo, Mark Vitale, Frank Rose Sr., Davies Nagel

Others: Jay, Robin Johnson of the Bank of Castile, David Deuel

Chairman Russo called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Robin Johnson of the Bank of Castile brought new plans to change the canopy entrance to the south side with the main entrance still in the front. The new design opens up more room and allows a person in the window to talk to instead of tubes.

**Motion:** Frank Rose moved to accept the new plan, Mark Vitale seconded, all in favor, carried.

7:20 p.m. Mark Vitale presented the subdivision he wants to do for his father's property. Need to consult with county planning board regarding this subdivision – a minor?

7:40 p.m. Dave Deuel discussed Farmland Preservation. They will meet the second Wednesday in September to come up with an outline. Maybe two ag zones (prime and other). Prime based on slope and type of dirt and would be the best use of agriculture. Maybe one acre lot size instead of 3 with density zoning. Other land in southeast corner – Piffard, Retsof, Fowlerville Road South (clay).

Everyone seems to be opposed to strip development. Trying to save farmland and retain rural characteristics. Have to find some balance. Dave is not happy with 3 acre lots.

Big issue with landowners is their equity – want to be able to sell off some lots. Most prime ag land is actively used by farmers and not apt to be sold off.

72 landowners of 50 acres or better have been contacted. Abbey is the biggest holder with 2000 acres.

The Farmland Presevation Committee will draw up an outline, meet with landowners, have a public hearing sending and/or calling everyone regarding what will be discussed.

8:50 p.m. **Motion:** Dave Russo moved to adjourn, Dave Nagel seconded, all in favor, carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Donna K. Falkner