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Department of Agricultural Preservation

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Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board

AGENDA

June 5, 2025 at 7 p.m.

Winchester Hall – Second Floor, Winchester Room

FINAL 5/22/2025

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Attendance
- III. Approval of the Agenda
- IV. Approval of the Minutes from April 30, 2025
- V. Reports
- VI. Old Business
- VII. New Business
 - a. Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board Applicant Selection
 - b. Lenhart MALPF Child's Lot Renewal Request
- VIII. Comments and Announcements
 - a. Program Comments
 - i. MALPF
 - ii. IPP
 - iii. Rural Legacy
 - iv. CREP
 - v. Critical Farms
 - vi. Next Generation
 - b. Other Comments
 - i. MPRP Proposed Transmission Line
 - ii. CDI Overlay Zoning Bill
- IX. Public Comment
- X. Adjournment
- XI. Closed Session
 - a. Critical Farms Appraisal Review

Next Meeting Date: July 28, 2025

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To: Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board
From: Beth Ahalt, Ag Preservation Program Specialist, II
Date: June 5, 2025
Subject: MALPF #10-87-05, Lenhart Easement – Child's Lots Approval Extension

Issue: Should the Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board approve a 5-year extension to the Brenda Nowell child's lot preliminary release?

Background: The Lenhart's and Nowell's have re-requested a child's lot for Brenda Nowell, the daughter of Harold Lenhart, the original easement grantor, on the family's 105-acre farm located east of Lewistown. The request applies to an existing lot, and approval of this request will prevent the Lenhart's from having to add the lot back into the farm. The lot would be used to construct a house for Brenda's primary residence. The Lenhart's have been under MALPF easement since 1988 and have requested two prior lot exclusions. The MALPF easement on the Lenhart property permits the original grantor of the easement to create lots for children at a rate of 1 lot per 20 acres for children of the original grantor up to a maximum of 10 lots.

The Lenhart's and Mrs. Nowell had a child's lot request approved by MALPF on February 26th, 2002. A three year extension was granted in 2017, and another extension was granted in 2020. The extension will expire in June of 2025. The Lenhart's and Nowell's have requested a five year extension.

Recommendation: Staff recommend approval of the 5-year extension on the preliminary release for Brenda Nowell.

Lenhart Child's Lot Request

- Brenda Nowell Lot
- Lenhart MALPF Easement

