# **Farmers** consider

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involved the legality and feasibility of keeping land in agriculture by making deed restrictions. Musser, attorney for the township, stated that deed restrictions are valid for the stated number of years. He cited examples of such procedures in the state of Virginia where land was deeded for wildlife purposes. "The covenants run with the land, not the owners," he concluded.

It was generally agreed by those in attendance that the Lancaster County soils and the rural setting is something to take pride in. However, many also admitted that when it comes to selling one's own property, the highest price may replace sentiment and idealism.

A few in attendance stated that they would take a lower price to help a young farmer get started or to keep the land in agriculture.

Auctioneer and township resident, Everett Kreider explained that land may be put up for public auction with restrictions for its use. Some at the meeting did not think this practice was possible. Kreider explained that many prospective bidders ask about restrictions prior to the public sale because this is a fairly standard occurrence.

"You have your answer there," Paul Risk, a resident and building contractor stated. "If there was a farmer's association here which could convince other farmers to place restrictions on their land, you would not need to get into the mess of zoning." Risk stated earlier that although he is a builder and earns his living that way, ideally he would like to see the township stay the way it is at present. He said he was not sure zoning was the answer because he had seen many problems resulting from such plans problems never even imagined when plans were made.

"The farmer controls the destiny of this land. He decides who to sell to. But I am a realist, too and I know that when it comes down to the bottom line, a farmer can not sell out of sentiment and good will. Money - when you are in a business, it comes down to the money," Risk stated.

Risk suggested that the supervisors look carefully at every segment of the township's population and make a good program which would reflect the total community.

Troop added that the farmer holds the majority of the land in the township now. He urged all who feel strongly about such plans to speak to their supervisors.

Supervisor Byers explained that the township would have a zoning plan imposed on it by the state if one were not initiated by the township itself. By unanimous showing of hands, those assembled agreed that they preferred a

### 50 displays line expo

LEBANON – Lebanon County 4-H'ers proved "4-H - It ain't all cows and cookin'' last week at the Lebanon Valley Mall, here. Preparing an expo for 4-H Week, the students constructed nearly 50 displays in the mall and held special activities every evening and Saturday afternoon.

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A 4-H fashion revue was

locally planned zoning plan rather than a state imposed plan.

Dan Lake, engineering consultant, explained the basic procedures for creating a zoning plan. Land use mapping, publications of specific restrictions, public hearings, adoption of the comprehensive plan, forming a hearing board for variances (challenging prescribed uses) will all go into drawing up and institutiong a zoning plan for the township.

Byers informed the group that the supervisors will form a comprehensive planning committee and begin the process. He advised interested residents to volunteer for possible appointment to this committee and for all to watch for and attend the hearings in the future and to let their opinions be known to the supervisors.

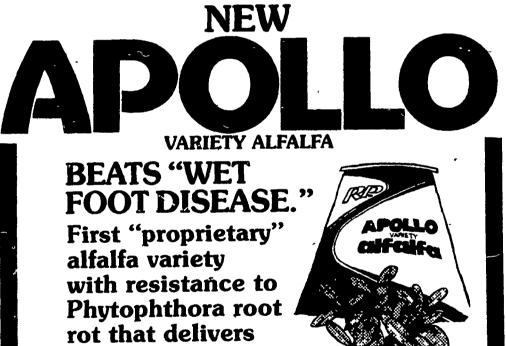
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