

Funk named chairman of group

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requirements and financing arrangements and a deed restrictions program.

The commissioners will hold a final meeting on December 28 concerning the county's 1979 budget, and the task force could ask to be included in that budget.

County planning director John Ahlfeld noted that one of the basic tools for planning would be the county's comprehensive plan, adopted three years ago by the commissioners.

He noted that there was community input before the comprehensive plan, known as Directions, was adopted, and that agriculture preservation was the topic that received the greatest amount of interest from the public.

It was noted that maps from Directions show that 56 per cent of the county's soils are Class I and II soils, and the plan suggests that a



Amos Funk

significant amount of land be set aside for use as farmland.

He also stated that the comprehensive plan allows plenty of additional room for development.

Ahlfeld related that although many of the county's 60 municipalities have adopted agricultural districts through zoning,

only six of them have strong codes that protect farming.

He also noted that two state laws provide some means for ag preservation. The one is Act 515, which was adapted in 1966, and enables the county to "covenant with landowners for the preservation of their land in farm, water, supply, or other open space uses." Those agreements are limited to ten years.

The other is Act 442, adopted in 1968, which allows the county "to acquire any interest in real property...for the following open space uses: watersheds, forest land, protection of recreation land, scenic areas, historic, geologic, or botanic interest sites, open space between communities, and farmland. It also permits the fee-simple acquisition of land for the purpose of resale subject to restrictive covenants or easements limiting its use

for any of the above purposes."

During Tuesday's meeting, the task force members briefly discussed some of the elements of a deed restrictions program but did not make any firm suggestions.

Kriese elected to N.Y.H.A.

ITHACA, N.Y. - Theodore Kriese of Liverpool was elected president of the New York Hereford Association at the annual meeting November 24 at Ithaca.

Kriese succeeds Robert Sullivan of Dundee who

remains on the Board of Directors.

Other officers elected were J. Henry Elzenga of West Henrietta, vice president; David Cole of New Hampton, secretary; and Clara Luteyn of Marion, treasurer.

Elzenga, Cole, Mrs. Luteyn and Dr. A. Byron Collins of Canisteo were also elected to three year terms as directors.

Announcement was made of the Association Summer Field Day July 14 at Stonen Farm, Arkport, N.Y. The New York Junior Hereford Association will hold its second annual Heifer Show July 13 at Stonen Farm.

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