

Here are members appointed to Ag Preservation Board

LANCASTER — The Lancaster County Commissioners Wednesday approved the appointments of nine members to the newly formed Agricultural Preservation Board.

Board members serve staggered terms to a maximum of four years. Two members each were named to one, two, three, and four year terms. The ninth member is a County Commissioner.

The APB's makeup was deliberately chosen to represent a cross section of interests in the land use planning field.

Included are farmers, financial community representatives, professional planners, and a representative of the County Developers' Association.

Members are as follows:

Amos H. Funk, R 1 Millersville, is a well known vegetable farmer in the county. He will serve four years.

He is a member of the Lancaster County Conservation District Board of Directors. He recently was appointed by the Governor to serve on the state Conservation Commission.

He was appointed in 1967 to the State Agricultural Preservation Committee. Funk has been a driving force behind the deed restriction program proposed for Lancaster County.

Aaron Z. Stauffer, R 1 Ephrata, also has been active in County farmland preservation programs. He will serve three years.

A township supervisor in Ephrata Township, Stauffer also serves as Chairman of the Lancaster County Conservation District Board of Directors.

He is a member of the Agricultural Advisory Committee of the State Department of Environmental Resources.

Larry H. Skromme, 2150 Landis Valley Road, Lancaster, is a retired vice president of engineering for New Holland Machinery Company. He will serve four years.

He is a consultant on agricultural mechanization for the World Bank. He also serves as a member of the Farm and Home Foundation board.

Skromme was appointed to the State Agricultural Preservation Committee at the same time as Amos Funk.

Levi J. Fisher, Church Road, Bird-in-Hand, is an Amish farmer who often has been consulted on conservation matters.

His term of office will be for two years.

William H. Forrey, 2161 Brockton Road, Lancaster, is the president of the Lancaster County Developers' Association. He, too, will serve two years.

He is vice president of both Sherman & Walton Builders and of Reily, Sherman & Walton Realtors.

Forrey is vice president of the County Home Builders Association and serves as a member of the Manheim Township Planning Commission.

He also is on the Lancaster County Land Use Advisory Committee.

Charles S. Conrad, Jr., 1939 Millersville Pike,

Lancaster, is a registered architect and a member of the Pennsylvania State Planning Board. He will serve for three years.

He was chairman of the first Lancaster County Planning Commission.

He serves as a member of the County Land Use Advisory Committee and the County Sewer and Water Advisory Committee.

Paul B. Whipple, 2129 Stonecrest Drive, Lancaster, is a farmer who also is active in ag business. He was appointed for one year.

He is with the finance department of Pennfield Corporation and is an ex-manager of the Farm Credit office of the Federal Land Bank and Production Credit Association.

Phyllis Whitesell, 1311 Clayton Road, Lancaster, also was appointed for a one year term. She is a former president of the League of Women Voters.

The sole woman on the board, she also is a Land Use Advisory Committee director.

James E. Huber, Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, rounds out the members of the Agriculture Preserve Board.

He is a member of the Lancaster County Conservation District Board of Directors, a former chairman of the Manor Township Board of Supervisors, a former member of the County Planning Commission, and a former member of the County Sewer and Water Advisory Committee.

The terms of the several farmers, finance men, non-farmers and other specialty areas deliberately were staggered so the commission would not have all of the members of a single interest group leaving the Board at one time.

The group's first meeting is slated for this Wednesday, April 9, on the fifth floor of the County Courthouse in Lancaster. It will begin at 10:30, following the County Commissioners regular meeting.



Members of the newly established Agricultural Preserve Board include, front from left: Harry H. Skromme, Phyllis Whitesell, Amos H. Funk, and Charles S. Conrad, Jr. Back row from left: Levi J.

Fisher, William H. Forrey, Aaron Z. Stauffer, and Paul B. Whipple. Ex officio member is County Commissioner James E. Huber.

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