

Act 442

(Continued from Page A1)

tag still needs the okay of the County Commissioners, he said.

Jim Thomas, the appointed attorney for the Preserve Board stated it is possible now for a municipality to set up an agricultural preserve board. However, he pointed out that if a ruling by the local board would be questioned in a court of law, it might be possible to not have the state authority to make such rulings.

The amendment to Act 442 would provide this right to the appointed Preserve board.

A question from the crowd prompted Thomas' explanation on how the deed restriction would work.

He noted that the sale of a

farm is not necessary in order for it to get into the deed restriction program.

"The township or municipality sets up their agricultural district boundaries and appoints a Preservation board. Then, on a voluntary basis, farmers can elect to sign up in the deed restriction program."

Whether or not a farm is to remain in farmland depends on the local zoning ordinances, he pointed out. "Act 442 merely pays the farmer for keeping his land in agriculture — where zoning restricts the land use on the farms without any reimbursement."

Lancaster County's Farmers' Association President Earl Newcomer remarked, "If farmers don't sell their development rights, they're just giving them away."

It seemed to be the consensus of those present that something needed to be done to get ag land preserved.

"We've been waltzed around the idea of preserving agricultural land for years," said Bernard Hankin, farmer and president of the Pennsylvania Builders Association.

"What we need now is enabling legislation — stop nit-picking about the amendment language and compromise if necessary."

Gerald Erb, a Mount Joy dairy farmer commented that he was dissatisfied with the \$250 an acre reimbursement.

"Farmers should be reimbursed at the fair market value," he said. "You're telling me I have to sell my land at parity like I do my milk. And all the while farmers are subsidizing society by borrowing money against their land to stay in operation."

To help assuage Erb's sentiments, Aaron Stauffer explained that the agricultural preservation plan in Ephrata Township calls for the land development rights to be purchased at the fair market value.

Al Myers, of the Pennsylvania Farmers' Association in Camp Hill commented that Act 442 should address all soils, not just prime farmland. He also questioned whether farmer's would be getting fair compensation at \$250 an acre.

His comments were based on current PFA policies.

A spokesman for the State Association of County Commissioners stated their group is cautious but supportive of Act 442. He said the Association felt the local boards would have too much power, and he wasn't clear on the relationship between the commissioners and the board.

Chairman Funk then explained the commissioners would appoint the agricultural preservation board members in their respective county's, therefore having some control on who would be making the preservation decisions.

Bill Fory, President of the Lancaster County Developers Association, stated he would love to see all the farmland saved.

"But on the other hand," he said, "I see low-income loans being given to get industry into the area. That brings people into the county and these people need places to live."

Hankin said he agreed with Fory's sentiments and added that farmers need to remember the developer and builder are not the villains in the preservation effort.

When Funk confronted Secretary Hallowell about when the needed legislation would be forthcoming, Hallowell commented that neither he nor Governor Thornburgh can introduce the legislation.

He pointed out that the legislature will be coming back only for a short time between now and January. He said he felt it would be difficult to get it passed before they recessed. However, he said he is optimistic that it will pass by July, 1981.



Pennsylvania Secretary of Agriculture Penrose Hallowell discusses the amendment of Act 442 with Lancaster County Agricultural Preserve Board Chairman Amos Funk; Conservation District Administrator Tom Johnston; and County Commissioner Jim Huber.

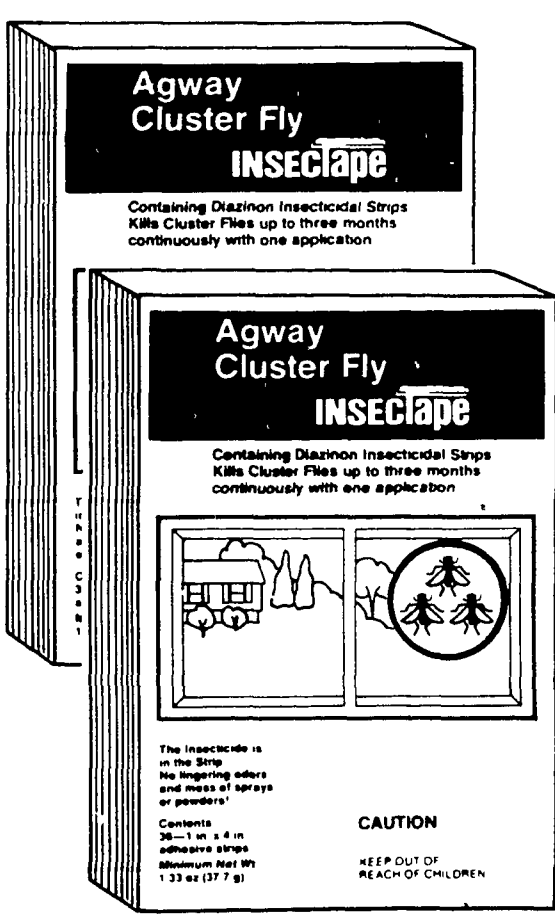
AGWAY

Cluster's Last Stand

CLUSTER FLY

INSECTAPE®

INSECTICIDE STRIPS



the only EPA approved cluster fly control

- Controls cluster flies where they crawl, hide or swarm
- Unique insecticide release system No messy sprays or powders No lingering odors
- Easy to use Just remove protective paper and press strip onto surface
- For windows, sliding glass doors, attics, storage spaces and garages Also use behind pictures, under loose wallpaper and near unscreened louvers and ventilators
- Effective up to 3 full months

How to identify cluster flies:

Cluster flies are slightly larger than common house flies. During the fall, cluster flies may enter your home or garage through small holes and openings in windows, walls, ventilators and unscreened louvers. During cooler months, hibernating flies form compact clusters and buzz around windows. Only Cluster Fly Insectape® with Diazinon® is EPA approved for cluster fly control. Ask for it today.

ON SALE

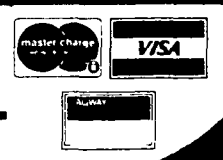
\$2.29

one pkg. of 36 treats 3 windows
reg \$2.49

Sale price good through Sept. 30, 1980.

Always read and follow directions carefully. Diazinon® is a registered trademark of Ciba-Geigy. Insectape® is a registered trademark of Health Care Corporation.

AGWAY AVAILABLE ONLY AT AGWAY.



SANDBLASTING REPOINTING WATERPROOFING

From repairing drafty, leaking walls to complete stucco removal and repointing, exterior restoration of farmhouses is my specialty!

REASONABLE RATES

JAMES H. DOSTER

507 South Spruce Street
Lititz, Pennsylvania 17543

For information or a free estimate, return coupon below.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: Area _____

Directions to your home: _____