

# Holland Township Agriculture Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday, December 7, 2017  
Holland Twp. Municipal Building, 6:30 PM

## Agenda

- Call Meeting to Order

*Adequate notice of this meeting was given pursuant to the open public meeting act by the Twp. Clerk on December 8, 2016.*

- Approval of September Minutes
- Farmland Preservation Applications:
  - Brown:** After 12 years, the Brown farm closed on 9/15/17! On 10/9, Dave Harding (HLT) and Larry interviewed the family in preparation for a newsletter and/or a press release. Submitted documentation to the county/state for reimbursement of survey costs. The county paid for appraisals.
  - Slate** (B24 L6, 65.88 ac): The Slates agreed to pursue federal funding. State to do mapping and Jackie (HLT) will apply for Fed funds, but funding will be tight in this round.
  - Cernecaro** (B17 L19, 104.08ac): Still trying to resolve size and location of exception areas and insure compliance with Highlands.
  - Silva** (B10 L43, 97.25ac and B14 L20, 32.99ac): Jackie (HLT), Stefani (SADC) and Larry met with the Silvas on 9/26. All three signed an SADC direct easement farmland preservation application. The farm has a good quality score but is not falling in the scope of what is being selected first in the DE program. So the application has been moved to the county program. However, with the woodlot included, it is slightly less than 50% tillable. Mike has completely cleared the field in front of block 20 and plans to designate a few acres (not currently tilled) as pasture. The CADB meeting is Dec 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Other Land Preservation:
  - Clark** (B6 L60, 179ac): Christine has talked with William Clark but has not heard back regarding a meeting with the family.
  - Farmland Preservation Plan:** Updates to the preserved farms list, the targeted farms list and the preserved land map were submitted to Darlene Green.
- 2018 Budgets
- 2018 Meetings
- Other Business:
  - How to Keep Farmers Farming in NJ:** On 11/30/17 at Duke Farm, Larry attended this workshop which focused on tools and strategies for addressing land access challenges.
  - National Land Conservation Conference:** On Oct 25-27, Larry attended this rally in Denver, CO. One workshop focused on the USDA Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP) through which we obtain Federal funds for farmland preservation.

Emerald Ash Borer

Noise ordinance?

- Pipeline Update:
- Public Comment:
- Next Meeting(s): Reorg, Jan 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Adjournment