

Holland Township
Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting
Thursday, September 7, 2017
Holland Township Municipal Building
6:30 p.m.

Minutes

Meeting called to order at: 6:38 p.m.

Adequate notice of this meeting was given pursuant to the open public meeting act, by the Twp. Clerk on November 12, 2015.

Agricultural Committee Member	Present
Larry LaFevre (Chairperson)	X
Dan Bush (Township Committee)	EX
John Bonham	EX
Christine Frenchu, Consultant	EX
Edith Kozak	X
Susan Dufek	EX
Laura Wilson	X
Kyle Young (Alt #1)	X
Ron Lozowski (Alt #2)	X
Heather Sorge (Secretary)	X

I. Minutes

July minutes were approved as submitted. Moved by Laura Wilson. Seconded by Kyle Young.

II. Farmland Preservation Applications:

- A. Brown: Closing tentatively scheduled for Friday Sept. 15th
- B. Slate Farm (B24 L6, 65.88 ac): Jackie (HLT) and Larry met with the slates on July 12th to explain that the CADB rejected their application and discuss funding options. Applying for federal funds.
- C. Cernecaro (B17 L19, 104.08ac): SADC is recommending minor adjustments to the 2 exception areas.

III. Other Land Preservation:

Silva Farm: B10 L43 (97.25ac) and B14 L20 (32.99ac): Sonny Silva delivered a survey, an appraisal, and other legal documents to HLT in July. Jackie spoke to him and he plans to pursue farmland preservation.

Clark Farm: (B6 L60, 179 ac): On July 13, Christine sent a letter to William Clark inquiring as to whether he would be interested in farmland preservation and enclosed a flyer describing scheduled farmland preservation informational meetings. She is trying to schedule a meeting with the Clark family.

On August 7th, Governor Christie signed bills that appropriate \$65.3 million for farmland preservation and stewardship activities.

Farmland Preservation Plan: The Highlands Council approved the scope of work submitted by Darlene Green to update the plan.

IV. Other Business

Community Day, Saturday September 9th. Laura will help with set up. Larry will be there.

SADC updated its scope of Surveying Services and requests that all surveys utilize the updated scope.

Laura asked if there was a township noise ordinance and whether noise was covered under Right-to-Farm (RTF). Kyle replied the noise from Ag operations was covered under RTF. The consensus was that there is a noise ordinance in Holland Township. Additional investigation may be needed.

Counties that preserved the most farmland last year...

Salem County 1,940 acres

Warren County 974 acres

Cumberland County 574 acres

Hunterdon County 523 acres

V. Pipeline Update:

FERC is expected to give approval. DEP will not approve.

VI. Public Comment: No Comments

Next Meetings: October 5th at Holland Township Municipal Building 6:30 p.m.
Meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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