

**Holland Township
Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting**

Thursday, December 6, 2018
Holland Township Municipal Building
6:30 p.m.

Minutes

Meeting called to order at: 6:43 p.m.

Adequate notice of this meeting was given pursuant to the open public meeting act, by the Twp. Clerk on December 21, 2017.

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

I. Minutes

October minutes were approved as submitted. Moved by Kyle Young. Seconded by Larry LaFevre.

II. Farmland Preservation Applications:

- A. **Slate** (B24 L6, 65.88 ac): Essentially on hold per the PennEast pipeline.
- B. **Rolph (Cernecaro)** (B17 L19, 91 net ac): CMV=\$4100/ac.
- C. **Silva** (B10 L43, 97.25ac and B14 L20, 32.99ac): CMV=\$4600/ac.

Both Rolph and Silva were moved to the MPIG to utilize our grant of \$964,914. Next steps: landowner signs contract to sell development easement, SADC final approval, hire surveyor and title company. SADC has given final approval for Silva.

III. Other Land Preservation:

- A. **Gombosi** (B25 L30, 49.5 ac): No update

B. **Gombosi** (B17 L24, 101.9 ac): No contact with owners as yet.

IV. **Annual MPIG Application:** Annual MPIG Application was submitted to the SADC on Oct 5, 2018.

V. **Other Business:**

On Oct 10 – 13, Larry attended the annual Land Trust Alliance conference in Pittsburgh and attended workshops on: mapping your landowner engagement strategy, innovative financing and funding strategies, ALE (federal funding) hot topics, farmland preservation and land access.

On Oct 29, Christine and Larry attended the SADC municipal PIG workshop, which provided the latest updates to the process.

On Nov 7, Larry attended the County's Right-to-Farm Act meeting. Both county and state speakers were very informative and presented various issues and scenarios.

Larry read from an October press release that with the closing of a 66-acre farm in Alexandria Twp. the County total of preserved farmland is now over 32,500 acres.

VI. **2019 Draft Budgets and Meeting Dates:** Larry distributed the 2019 draft Ag budgets and meeting dates. The budgets will be submitted to our CFO next week. The dates were already sent to the Township clerk.

VII. **Pipeline Update:** Homeowners along gas pipeline in Lebanon, Berks counties were given formal notice of the United Piping intent to go to Berks County court within 30 days to file "mechanics liens" on their land.

https://lancasteronline.com/news/local/homeowners-along-gas-pipelines-in-lebanon-berks-counties-shocked-to/article_74f02e4e-f8cc-11e8-a5c2-d324914e8c6f.html?fbclid=IwAR3WaUPPQAXzalxQj3zZ2-JypCMQX-KXr7akblHeIC3KeiHc_WdOGpTCTMo

VIII. **Public Comment:** No Comments

Next Meeting: Jan 3, 2019 (reorganization) at the Holland Township Municipal Building at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heather L. Sorge

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Agricultural Advisory Committee Secretary