

**Holland Township
Agriculture Advisory Committee Meeting**

Thursday, Oct 07, 2021
Holland Twp. Municipal Building, 6:30 PM

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 6:35PM

Present: J. Bonham, L. LaFevre, B. Kirby-McDonough, K. Young

Excused: D. Bush, S. Dufek, C. Frenchu, E. Kozak, R. Lozowski, L. Wilson

Adequate notice of this meeting was given pursuant to the open public meeting act by the Twp. Clerk on December 10, 2020.

The July minutes were approved as submitted.

Farmland Preservation Applications:

Silva (B10 L43, 97.25ac and B14 L20, 32.99ac): CMV=\$4600/ac. Closed on May 5. Preserved farmland is now at 2480ac. Twp was reimbursed \$6,237.50 for technical costs. Thank you, Christine.

Braun (B15 L2, 112ac and B15 L22.01, 15ac): DE program. CMV=\$3500/ac. Should close this year.

Rolph (Cernecaro) (B17 L19, 91 net ac): CMV=\$4100/ac. Closing review in progress. Estate issue.

Other Land Preservation or Business:

GenOn (B26 L10, 69.98ac): Closed on 8/12/21, bringing the total of preserved open space in the Twp to 2233 acres! For their Bronze Award project, a local girl scout troop proposed naming the park Osakame, which means 'across the river'.

Gombosi (B25 L30, 49.5ac), Larry (LL) talked with the owner again. They are not interested in preservation at this time.

Harder (B11 L2, 111.01ac & B11 L2.06, 5.91ac): for sale for \$1.85 mil. Larry, County and Hunterdon Land Trust (HLT) staff toured the farm with a potential buyer and the realtor on 7/29/21. Wants to preserve! Stefanie Miller at SADC agrees that this would be a DE application.

Schafer/Cummins (B6 L62.03, 20.99ac): Application submitted to the State 10/6/21.

Smith (B15 L1.01, 23.84ac and B15 L1.02, 18.04): Larry and Bob Hornby met with Suzanne Smith and toured the farm on 7/16/21. She has decided not to pursue preservation at this time.

Kotulak (B14 L19, 17ac): Working with HLT to purchase a portion of this property for open space. It is on Shire Rd directly across from the Saeger preserve and adjacent to the Silva farm woodlot.

Oliver (B22 L4, 44.92ac): Just listed for \$425,000. On Church Road across from and adjacent to the previous Sue Murphy farm. Lindsey Tilton, the realtor, called inquiring about land preservation options. LL provided some basics and additional State and County references. This could be a grand entrance to the gravel hill preserve. This parcel is adjacent to three township lots. Cancellation of PennEast project could ease preservation.

Fux (B16 L17, 86.29ac): Daniel called on 7/15 and asked about farmland preservation. LL explained the basics but didn't hear back, so sent a text on 7/30. No reply.

The County now surpassed 35,000 acres of preserved farmland in June/July. (See upcoming issue of Holland Happenings newsletter.)

Annual PIG Application Review and Update: Larry updated target farm list, almost ready to go. A draft to be approved at the November meeting. Then, submitted to Township Committee and County. Will be sent to the State by 12/15/21.

Pipeline Update: The PennEast ceased further development of the project, and eminent domain cases will be dismissed. Essentially, cancelled in New Jersey.

AutumnFEST: Larry announced AutumnFEST and the 60th anniversary of Delaware Valley Regional High School. Event to take place at DVRHS on October 9th.

Public Comment: N/A

Next Meeting(s): November 4th; 6:30PM

Meeting Adjourned: 6:56PM