Holland Township Agriculture Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday, July 7, 2022 Holland Twp. Municipal Building, 6:30 PM

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 6:30PM

Present: J. Bonham, L. LaFevre, B. Kirby-McDonough, K. Young Excused: D. Bush, S. Dufek, C. Frenchu, E. Kozak, R. Lozowski, L. Wilson, D. Young Guest: C. Wargaski

Adequate notice of this meeting was given pursuant to the open public meeting act by the Twp. Clerk on December 9, 2021.

April minutes were approved as submitted.

Farmland Preservation Applications:

- Rolph, MPIG, (B17 L19, 91 net ac): CMV=\$4100/ac. Closed on 6/30/22, after five years.
- Schafer/Cummins, MPIG, (B6 L62.03, 20.99 ac): Appraisals: Goldberg-\$5300/ac, Webb-\$4000/ac; Twp reimbursed HLT for appraisals. However, per SADC, Webb appraisal does not meet State standards and must be updated.
- Smith, DE, (B15 L1.01 & L1.02, 41 ac): SADC is moving forward with DE application.
- Schmied/Harder (B6 L2 & L2.06, 116 ac): Stefanie Miller and Larry met with Avram Schmied on 4/19/22. Submitted a DE application. Cannot proceed during an active fire investigation.
- **Duff/Stone**, DE (B26, L26, 15 ac): Stefanie met with them shortly after the info meeting at Alexandria. They submitted a DE application. Moving forward.
- Clark/Tomson (B6 L60, 180 ac): No update.

Other Land Preservation or Business:

- Lauber (B6 L50, 17.54 ac): County purchased for open space on 6/2/22. Closed.
- Larry reviewed Township farmland preservation map with Bob Hornby. Map will be updated with latest changes.
- The Lodge closed on 6/27/22.
- On June 3rd, the lower segment of the Musconetcong River (Hughesville dam to the confluence with the Delaware River) was added to the National Wild & Scenic River System for recreational use.
- Alexandria Twp Ag Committee hosted a farmland preservation outreach meeting on 4/20/22. Stefanie Miller did the presentation and Q&A. Larry and 5 other Holland residents attended.

Larry attended the Highlands Region Interactive Environmental Resource Inventory training on 5/18/22. https://www.highlandseri.com/

Show & Tell:

Larry showed a 1965 black and white aerial image of the Tomson House. Also, items from the Tomson house including:

- ➢ 3 Horse-related books
- > Set of NJ Power & Light electric bills from 1943
- Photograph of Red Horse chewing tobacco case
- Small envelopes/cards from florists
- > Refrigerator warranty from Grunow Corp of Chicago, IL

Public Comment:

Clare Wargaski expressed concern about potential shortages of fertilizer and grain. She asked for recommendations for local sources of organic grain (for chicken feed), beef and dairy products.

Next Meeting(s): October 6th and/or November 3rd, 6:30PM

Meeting Adjourned: 7:20PM