Holland Township Agriculture Advisory Committee Meeting

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

<u>Minutes</u>

Meeting called to order at 6:35PM

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

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

July minutes were approved as submitted.

Farmland Preservation Applications:

- Schafer/Cummins, MPIG, (B6 L62.03, 20.99ac): CMV of \$5,300 per acre accepted by owner on 7/31/22. HLT will order the survey. Need Twp resolution even though no cost share.
- Smith, DE, (B15 L1.01 & L1.02, 41ac): CMV of \$4,900 per acre accepted by owner.
- Schmied/Harder (B11 L2 & L2.06, 116ac): Avram Schmied plans to sell the farm. SADC is examining the possibility of a fee acquisition.
- **Duff/Stone**, DE (B26, L26, 15ac): SADC is ordering appraisals.
- Clark/Tomson (B6 L60, 180ac): No update.

Other Land Preservation or Business:

• Twp closed on the Oliver property on Church Rd (B22 L4, 44.94ac) closed on 8/22/22.

On 9/6/22, Larry attended via webinar 'Farms Under Threat 2040: Choosing an Abundant Future for NJ', based on a recent report from AFT's National Agricultural Land Network.

SADC Newsletter - Larry asked who receives the newsletter.

<u>Ag News/Fall Holland Happenings</u> - Larry used the SADC Newsletter to update Ag News. He submitted the update to Melissa Tigar with copy to all on 9/13/22.

<u>Future of the NJ State Farmland Preservation Program, Partner Survey</u> - Larry completed the survey for Holland. John and Suzi also completed it.

Karl Zeller Farm (B22 L34, 64ac) - Karl is looking for ideas on what to do with the farm, e.g., something with the Lenape tribe, young and/or minority farmers needing land, maybe a 501C3, etc. Suzi suggested a community garden.

<u>Annual PIG Application Review and Update</u> – Christine Frenchu will prepare draft of PIG application. Need resolution for Township Committee and budget. If these are available for review by November meeting, December meeting will not be needed.

Show & Tell: N/A

Public Comment: N/A

Next Meeting(s): November 3rd, 6:30PM

Meeting Adjourned: 7:08PM