

Holland Township Agriculture Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday, April 6, 2023
Holland Twp. Municipal Building, 6:30 PM

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 6:34PM

Present: J. Bonham, A. Hammerstone, L. LaFevre, R. Lozowski, B. Kirby-McDonough, L. Wilson, K. Young

Excused: D. Bush, S. Dufek, C. Frenchu,

Adequate notice of this meeting was given pursuant to the open public meeting act by the Twp. Clerk on December 8, 2022.

- 2023 Reorganization

Kyle Young signed Oath of Allegiance Form and returned it to Larry LaFevre.

January Minutes Were Approved

Farmland Preservation Applications:

- **Schafer/Cummins**, MPIG, (B6 L62.03, 20.99ac): Agreement for sale executed. Survey in process. HLT will handle title work.
- **Smith**, DE, (B15 L1.01 & L1.02, 41ac): Closing review in process.
- **Schmied/Harder**, (B6 L2 & L2.06, 116ac): Avram Schmied plans to sell the farm. Appraisals in process for SADC fee purchase.
- **Duff/Stone**, DE (B26, L26, 15ac): Accepted CMV of \$4700/acre. Working on subordination of mortgage. Survey on hold until this is resolved. Farm is for sale for \$750,000.
- **Clark/Tomson**, (B6 L60, 180ac): Per realtor have an offer for \$9000/acre. No update.
- **Slate**, (B24, L6, 65.88ac): Site visited Tuesday, April 4th. Slate resubmitted application to SADC. Direct easement, if SADC approves. Otherwise, MPIG to get Federal funds. Larry circulated earlier SADC map of the Slate farm showing proposed impact of PennEast pipeline. (Plans for pipeline are canceled.)

Other Land Preservation or Business

Conservation Easement – Larry showed a copy of the conservation easement for the Judith Johnson farm. Highly restrictive.

K. Harrison Lot (B22, L118, 12ac) – Larry said he received a call from Mr. Ken Harrison. Mr. Harrison is interested in selling his lot to Green Acres. However, he is receiving no response. Larry advised Mr. Harrison to reach out to Ms. Jackie Middleton, Director of Land Acquisitions, at Hunterdon Land Trust.

Gombosi Farm (B17, L24, 101.9ac) – Larry showed map of the Gombosi Farm. Owner wants to sell, not preserve.

Rich Cain Horse Farm – Larry mentioned that 15 12x12 matted horse stalls will be available for rent. Will be vacated by Kiley Dufek.

New Township Logo – Larry introduced an image of the new Holland Township logo designed by Committeeman, Robert Thurgarland.

Holland Township 150th Anniversary – The Township's 150th anniversary will be celebrated in 2024. Please submit any ideas for events to Beverly Kirby-McDonough. Larry noted that this will coincide with the 101-year anniversary of Farmall tractors.

Reminder – Barn Survey Presentation by Carla Cielo - April 16 at 2:00PM at the Twp Municipal Building.

Show and Tell

- Historic Document – A 1760 application for a tavern license at Parsley’s Ferry. Signed by Geo. Taylor and others – Larry
- Map - Residential Lot Plan, dated 14 April 1954, Riegel Ridge Corporation – Larry

Public Comment: N/A

Next Meeting(s): June 1st, 6:30PM

Meeting Adjourned: 7:45PM