

Holland Township Agriculture Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday, October 5, 2023
Holland Twp. Municipal Building, 6:30 PM

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 6:37PM

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

Excused: D. Bush, S. Dufek, C. Frenchu, A. Hammerstone, R. Lozowski, L. Wilson

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

June Minutes Were Approved

Farmland Preservation Applications:

- **Schafer/Cummins**, MPIG, (B6 L62.03, 20.99ac): Survey revisions completed. Appraisal for Federal funds ordered.
- **Schmied/Harder** (B6 L2 & L2.06, 116ac): SADC offered \$1.674M for fee purchase. Farm is listed for \$2M.
- **Duff/Stone**, DE (B26, L26, 15ac) Preservation offer withdrawn. Farm is for sale for \$750K.
- **Clark/Tomson** (B6 L60, 180ac): Owner is asking \$11K per acre. Working with the realtor, who has talked with county staff and others.
- **Slate**, DE (B24, L6, 65.88ac): CMV? SADC made an offer.

Other Land Preservation or Business

Tilstra B22/L52 (23.29 acres) For sale. HLT is working with the realtor and land owner to preserve this property via Green Acres, which would add it to the Gravel Hill preserve.

“Holland Happenings” / SADC Newsletter

Larry LaFevre stated that he wrote paragraphs for Holland Happenings about the Dr. S. Smith closing and Special Occasion Events (SOE’s). Also, Larry asked if Committee members are on the mailing list for the New Jersey Farmland Preservation News. The Summer 2023 newsletter includes an article about the Preserved Farmland Sign Program.

Annual PIG Application Review and Update

Larry discussed the 2024 PIG application. The application with supporting documentation was emailed to all members of this Committee on September 30th. The Targeted Farms List reflected removal of the Dr. S. Smith property, as highlighted in red. Larry made a motion to approve the application and forward it to the Township Committee for further approval and resolution. John Bonham seconded the motion. All who were present approved.

Holland Township 150th Anniversary

Larry mentioned that events will be held throughout 2024, including Community Day. He showed scanned black and white photographs from the collection of Pearl Hammerstone. Also shared were old photographs of the McCullough schoolhouse, Karmondi farm and local agricultural scenes. Some of these images can be displayed during the 150th Anniversary celebration. John Bonham described a successful “old timers” baseball game in Wilson Park (PA). Kyle Young suggested an antique tractor pull.

Show and Tell:

Scanned Images - Larry

Public Comment: N/A

Next Meeting(s): November 2nd, 6:30PM

Meeting Adjourned: 7:05PM