

Holland Township
Agriculture Advisory Committee Meeting
Thursday, March 7, 2024
Holland Twp. Municipal Building, 6:30 PM

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 6:30PM

Present: J. Bonham, L. LaFevre, R. Lozowski, B. Kirby-McDonough, L. Wilson

Excused: D. Bush, S. Dufek, A. Hammerstone, K. Young, C. Frenchu

Adequate notice of this meeting was given pursuant to the open public meeting act by the Twp. Clerk on December 21, 2023.

February 2024 Minutes Were Approved

Farmland Preservation Applications:

- **Schafer/Cummins**, MPIG, (B6 L62.03, 20.99ac): Closing review.
- **Schmied/Harder**, SADC fee purchase (B6 L2 & L2.06, 116ac): Environmental inspection review.
- **Clark/Tomson**, (B6 L60, 180ac): The county & state are looking at this farm. No update.
- **Slate**, DE (B24, L6, 65.88ac): Title review and survey nearly completed.

Other Land Preservation or Business

Tilstra, B22/L52 (23.29 acres) Possible Green Acres. No update.

Gombosi, (B17 L24, 101.9ac) No update.

Braun, Larry LaFevre shared a survey of the preserved K. Braun farm (Spring Mills Road), with a 5-acre severable exception. John Bonham stated that this property was recently purchased by Reed Holdings, a land investment company. The same company also purchased the E. Boss parcel consisting of about 23 acres.

Pending Statewide Farmland Preservation Formula

On Feb. 12, Larry attended an online SADC meeting: Implementing the formula-based value law.

On Feb. 15, Larry attended an online SADC meeting: Interim policy to address individual farm applications that are pending prior to adoption of the statewide preservation formula.

Other Business

“Next Gen” Farmer Program – Larry spoke about this new project by the SADC. He will use this topic as a basis for an article in the next “Holland Happenings” newsletter.

New York Farm Show – Larry briefly mentioned the New York Farm Show in Syracuse, NY.

Hunterdon County Board of Commissioners Meeting – Larry encouraged members to attend this special meeting on Monday, March 19th, at the Holland Township Municipal Building. The Executive Session will start at 5:00PM, followed by a Public Session at 5:30PM. The Township Committee Meeting will be held at 7:00PM.

International Harvester Auction – Larry shared an article, “A Lifetime Defined by International Harvester”, that appeared in the Lancaster Farmer magazine of February 17, 2024. The article featured an upcoming sale of an extensive private collection of artifacts. Six auctions are needed to liquidate the collection.

Holland Township 150th Anniversary

Larry stated that three video monitors are now installed at the Riegel Ridge Community Center. They will be playing historical videos that will show categories such as; Agriculture, Industry, Art, Community,

Sports and Recreation. Photographs and videos were compiled by the Holland Township Historic Preservations Commission. Larry showed a trailer video on his computer, "A Drive Through Time", that was created by Tim Fazekas of the Commission.

Public Comment: N/A

Next Meeting(s): April 4, 2024, 6:30PM

Meeting Adjourned: 7:30PM