

**Holland Township
Agriculture Advisory Committee Meeting**

Thursday, Jan 7, 2016
Holland Twp. Municipal Building, 6:30 PM

Minutes

2016 Reorganization: All members present were sworn in at 6:35 PM.

Meeting called to order at 6:40 PM.

Present: Ron Lozowski, Kyle Young, Laura Wilson, Edie Kozak, Suzi Dufek, Larry LaFevre, Dan Bush.

Excused: John Bonham, Christine Frenchu.

Adequate notice of this meeting was given pursuant to the open public meeting act, by the Twp. Clerk on November 12, 2015.

December minutes were approved as submitted.

Farmland Preservation Applications:

Brown: New non-severable exception area approved; Norkevich will update the survey; County is contacting the appraisers per changes.

Braun (B15 Lots 2 and 22.01): No update.

Kerr (B15 L1): Owners approved exception areas; obtain SADC green light approval; then order appraisals.

Pending Applications:

Sonny Silva Farm: B10 L43 (97.25ac) and B14 L20 (32.99ac) – no update.

Van Gilson (Paul Thompson): B11 L8 (47.47ac) – no update.

Suida: (B17 L20, 122 ac) – no update.

Schwarz: B22 L117 (7.5ac) and part of B22 L59 (55.08ac) – no update.

Other Business:

2016 Budget: Larry mentioned that he was working on a draft budget. Dan said that he should meet with Peter Rees and the new CFO.

Christine submitted 2016 Annual PIG Application/update to SADC on 12/14/15.

Larry reported that two properties that closed in 2015 and the Alan Blumberg property on Hawks-School House Rd. were removed from the 2016 targeted farms list and that these were the only changes. Dan suggested that HLT contact Mr. Blumberg to raise the possibility of preservation.

Dan mentioned that the County is issuing an RFP for an auctioneer for the Hoffman farms.

Pipeline Update:

Larry reported that the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) received a letter from URS/PennEast requesting its input on any cultural resources that are within the project boundaries. Our Twp. attorney replied with a letter stating the Twp. wishes to participate in identifying cultural resources and requesting advice as to what input they seek. The HPC is working on a letter listing all of the historic and cultural resources in the proposed path.

Laura reported on the identification of at least to native burial sites within the most recent path – one in the old sand pit near Holland station and the other on the farm of Laurie Stone. NJCF is planning to fund additional archaeological research. Representatives of the Lenape and Ramapo tribes are participating.

Larry circulated maps with lot overlays showing the revised pipeline route.

Dan received an email from Davina Lapczynski at 105 Riegelsville Rd. stating that she received a certified letter from PennEast and that she was opposed to the pipeline.

Public Comment: N/A

Next Meeting(s): Feb 4th, Mar 3rd.

Meeting adjourned at 7:33 PM.