

**Holland Township
Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting**

Thursday, May 5, 2016
Holland Township Municipal Building
6:30 p.m.

Minutes

Meeting called to order at: 6:40 p.m.

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

Agricultural Committee Member	Present
Larry LaFevre (Chairperson)	X
Dan Bush (Township Committee)	X
John Bonham	X
Christine Frenchu, Consultant	EX
Edith Kozak	EX
Susan Dufek	EX
Laura Wilson Smith	EX
Kyle Young (Alt #1)	X
Ron Lozowski (Alt #2)	X
Heather Sorge (Secretary)	X

I. Minutes

March minutes were approved as submitted. Moved by Kyle Young. Seconded by Ron Lozowski.

II. Farmland Preservation Applications:

- A. Brown: Final survey with metes and bounds & an updated title search were submitted to the State. State returned comments and surveyor agreed to changes
- B. Braun: (B15 Lots 2 & 22.01): No update
- C. Kerr: (B15 L1): 2nd appraisal ordered via N. Goldberg; HLT is checking if 10 month spread is too great; first appraisal has a date of value of June 15, 2015. Tom Rodriguez agreed to do an update at no additional charge.

III. Other Land Preservation:

- A. Silva Farm: B10 L43 (97.25ac) and B14 L20 (32.99ac): May re-apply for preservation. Family has questions; emails have been exchanged but no meeting set.
- B. Gombosi: (B25 L30, 48.5ac): John Alexis has contacted the SADC about purchasing and preserving the property. Larry gave John numbers from three recent appraisals and did not hear back.
- C. Suida: The new owner, Craig Rothenburg, has contacted the SADC about land preservation.
- D. Hoffman: Update on Hoffman Farm: Property previews will be held on 5/22/16 from 12:00-2:00 p.m and June 2nd from 12:00-2:00 p.m. Houses and barns will have pathways open to them. County may clear lime kilns prior to auction, roadway will be redone all the way back. Only registered bidders will be allowed. Open bid/absolute sale. Auction will be held on June 9th on Route 12 at the County Complex.

- E. Lauber: Has agreed to sell their landlocked property to the county.
- F. Schick: In current negotiations to possibly sell their landlocked property as well.

IV. 2016 Budget/Agricultural Advisory Committee

No change in the budget or Farmland Preservation funding.

V. Two New Possible Funding Sources

- A. Highlands Council: Can be used for land preservation. More information to follow. Must be within the highlands area to be eligible (within the 7 counties.)
http://www.highlands.state.nj.us/njhighlands/news/pres/2016/HighlandsCouncil_Release_HDCPurchseProgramLaunch.pdf
- B. Federal Funds: Federal Tax Incentive (FAQ) conservation easement donations. (Using the sale of your development rights as a tax donation.)
<http://s3.amazonaws.com/landtrustalliance.org/ConservationEasementTaxIncentiveBrochure2016.pdf>

VI. Pipeline Update: Mayors meeting in D.C. is coming up. Ray Krov will attend.

New Business

VII. Bobolink Farm

Farm on Crestview made a field entrance. Looking to construct pole barn under "Right to Farm" act. Crestview residents are extremely concerned. CADB confirmed that "Right to Farm" will supersede town ordinance however, the farm must follow all town codes. Bill Millette (planning board) meeting with Crestview residents to answer questions. Looking into inviting planning board to next Ag. Committee meeting giving opportunity for public comment

VII. John DiSarro Room Dedication:

Dedication of meeting room in honor of John DiSarro to take place at the municipal building during the second township meeting in June.

IX. Hughesville: No update on solar field on Hughesville.

X. Public Comment: No Comments

Next Meeting: June 2, 2016 Holland Township Municipal Building 6:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heather L. Sorge

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Agricultural Advisory Committee Secretary**