

**Holland Township  
Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting**

Thursday, September 1, 2016  
Holland Township Municipal Building  
6:30 p.m.

**Minutes**

**Meeting called to order at: 6:30 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	X
Kyle Young (Alt #1)	X
Ron Lozowski (Alt #2)	EX
Heather Sorge (Secretary)	X

**I. Minutes**

July minutes were approved as submitted. Moved by John Bonham. Seconded by Laura Wilson.

**II. Farmland Preservation Applications:**

- A. Brown: Now an estate. Could close in four months.
- B. Kerr (B15 L1): On August 18<sup>th</sup>, the SADC issued a signed certified market value (CMV) for this property of \$4600 per acre for the development rights. Christine sent an offer letter to both Kerr's on 8/26/16. Waiting on township to see about a resolution.

**III. Other Land Preservation:**

- A. Silva Farm: B10 L43 (97.25ac) and B14 L20 (32.99ac): Both lots now listed with Weichert Realtors for \$1,500,000. 1.1 million \$ value. \$4600.00 per acre = \$598,000 for preservation. Dan is asking the Silva grandchildren to contact Jackie Middleton of Hunterdon Land Trust to discuss options.

- B. Gombosi Farm: (B25 L30, 48.5ac): No update.
- C. Rothenburg Farm (B17 L20, 122 ac) Craig Rothenberg is very interested in preserving the farm. Larry met the owner and toured the farm along with representatives from the County and SADC. Stephanie Miller of the SADC is working on the farmland preservation application with the owner. It will probably be initially submitted under the CPIG. Wants vineyard on farm. Looking to possibly move Joe Gall's house onto property (in storage). Proposing 36 acre severable exception.
- D. Slate Farm (B24 L6, 65.88 ac): No update

**IV. Community Day: Saturday September, 10, 2016**

- A. 11:00-12:00 Set Up (Laura, Kyle)  
12:00- 2:00 Shift  
2:00- 4:00 Shift  
4:00- 5:00 Take Down
- B. Chickens, calves, tractors, wagons, antiques, photos

**V. Other Business**

**Status of township letters to FERC and SHPO.**

Dan Bush verifying submissions.

**VI. Pipeline Update:**

Banish Associates is conducting the scope. The scope period was 45 days. Our Twp. Committee in a time crunch to absorb all the info. provided. Committee will be voting on 7 questions at Holland Township Committee Meeting on a resolution. Banish report has to be done by the 12th. Hopewell Township is covering the fee. Whatever townships agree to join in to pay, will pay for their "shares". Our "share" would be over \$5000.00. This specific consulting looks over the DES where Penn East missed open space and land use. Missed opportunities to cover certain animal species as well. Price is high due to time span to do work. Trying to get all missed info. on all areas the pipeline will affect. Word is that Kingwood and Delaware are a yes to join in. We may be able to consider doing a donation if we can not pay "share". Possible routes for pipeline in Holland are huge. Highlands Council & Mike Keady wrote letters to bring to Township committee meeting.

**VII. Public Comment: No Comments**

**Next Meeting: October 6, 2016 Holland Township Municipal Building 6:30 p.m.  
Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

*Heather L. Sorge*

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