

Holland Township Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday, November 3, 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)	EX
John Bonham	X
Christine Frenchu, Consultant	EX
Edith Kozak	X
Susan Dufek	X
Laura Wilson	X
Kyle Young (Alt #1)	X
Ron Lozowski (Alt #2)	X
Heather Sorge (Secretary)	X

I. Minutes

September minutes were approved as submitted. Moved by Kyle Young. Seconded by Susan Dufek.

II. Farmland Preservation Applications:

- A. Brown: Attorneys still dealing with estate issues in both NJ and PA.
- B. Kerr (B15 L1): As reported, offer letter of \$4600 per acre sent to Kerr's on 8/18/16. Jackie at HLT shared the appraisals with the realtor. Have not heard from Kerr's or their realtor. Sign has "under contract" on it.

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.
- B. Gombosi Farm: (B25 L30, 48.5ac): No update.

- C. Rothenberg Farm (B17 L20, 122 ac) Craig Rothenberg is pursuing preservation even though the SADC staff still want a 36 ac. severable exception around the residence and future winery area. The aim is to keep the farmland the public preserves for a variety of Ag uses and as affordable for farmers as possible. Thus the request to maintain the ability to sell the preserved farmland from the residence and other infrastructure. Stephanie Miller of the SADC is working on the farmland preservation application with the owner. Which application program is not yet determined. They do have the ability to sever it, but do not necessarily have to.
- D. Slate Farm (B24 L6, 65.88 ac): Past notes are sketchy but it appears Slate applied to the county in 03/04: rejected? Around May of 2005 applied to SADC? Was offered \$4,750/acre (turned down). In 2014 expressed interest again but public access was an issue. Dan agreed to meet with the Slates if there is interest.

IV. Ag/SADC Annual Update Due by December 15, 2016

V. Other Business

The meeting time for the Ag committee will remain 6:30 for 2017.

VI. Pipeline Update:

Laura provided an update and reported that there are three drill pad sites in Holland Township: one at Schneider's (near the Delaware pipeline crossing and 627), Jiovino's (behind the Farmhouse Inn) and on one of the farms across 519 from the Farmhouse Inn. One owner has already given access. They will be doing horizontal drilling at a depth of 4' through many properties in Holland. Drilling has begun in Kingwood Township. Despite the request of Mr. Phillips (Phillips Farms) for a deeper drilling depth, due to possible pipe resurface, the request was denied by PennEast.

VII. Public Comment: No Comments

Next Meeting: December 1, 2016 Holland Township Municipal Building 6:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heather L. Sorge

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Agricultural Advisory Committee Secretary**