Holland Township Agriculture Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday, May 4, 2017 Holland Twp. Municipal Building, 6:30 PM

<u>Minutes</u>

Meeting called to order at 6:40 PM. Present: K. Young, R. Lozowski, J. Bonham, E. Kozak, L. LaFevre Excused: S. Dufek, L. Wilson, C. Frenchu, H. Sorge, D. Bush

Adequate notice of this meeting was given pursuant to the open public meeting act by the Twp. Clerk on December 8, 2016.

March minutes approved as submitted.

Farmland Preservation Applications:

Brown: S. Norkevich updating survey per new Elizabethtown Gas easements.Kerr (B15 L1): Sold.Slate (B24 L6, 65.88 ac): Met with Slates on 4/12. Submitted a MPIG application. Their pipeline easement language needs to be modified per SADC Ag easement.Cernecaro (B17 L19, 104.08ac): Submitted application to the county. Reviewing exception areas, etc.

Other Land Preservation:

Silva Farm: B10 L43 (97.25ac) and B14 L20 (32.99ac): Met with Silvas at HLT on April 4. They will provide additional documentation to Jackie Middleton in preparation for application. Gravel Hill (B22 L52, 23 ac)/Tilstra: No update.

Ed Boss (B16 L16.04, 23.12ac): Gail Cooper inquired about preserving this lot and merging it with her farm.

Dale Crouse (B20 L8, 31.84ac): Called about farmland preservation. Not even 10% tillable so not eligible. May be OK for green acres.

Other Business:

The Holland Happenings Newsletter will be published this spring and will include and Ag update. Brief discussion on the Ag page of the Twp. website, specifically the 'Farms in Holland Township' tab. It was decided to update this info for now, but check to see if the County website has the same info.

Pipeline Update:

Larry reported that the NJ DEP and the US Army Corps of Engineers will not accept the PennEast application because it is incomplete.

Public Comment: N/A

Next Meeting(s): Jun 1st, Jul 6th.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM.