

**Holland Township
Agriculture Advisory Committee Meeting**

Thursday, May 3, 2018
Holland Twp. Municipal Building, 6:30 PM

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 6:40 PM.

Present: S. Dufek, R. Lozowski, J. Bonham, K. Young, L. LaFevre

Excused: E. Kozak, L. Wilson, H. Sorge, S. Wilhelm, C. Frenchu

Adequate notice of this meeting was given pursuant to the open public meeting act by the Twp. Clerk on December 21, 2017.

The April minutes were approved as submitted.

Farmland Preservation Applications:

Slate (B24 L6, 65.88 ac): HLT is working with the Slate's attorney about amending the pipeline easement so as to resolve the % tillable issue.

Rolph/Cernecaro (B17 L19, 104.08 acres) Appraisals are out for bid.

Silva (B10 L43, 97.25ac and B14 L20, 32.99ac): Appraisals are being ordered. It is sad news that Bob Silva passed away on April 2, 2018.

Rothenberg: Suzi commented that there is much activity on this farm including a new vineyard.

Other Land Preservation:

Farmland Preservation Plan: To be adopted by the Planning Board at its May meeting.

MPIG Update: On 4/26/18, Larry and Christine met with SADC staff to discuss funding needs and goals in preparation for the FY19 appropriation later this year (Please see correspondence). Holland Twp. has \$964,914 in its MPIG!

Outreach: At this 4/26 meeting, various ideas were discussed on how to reach out to landowners about farmland preservation, transition of farms to the next generation, cooperative farmland ownership and sources of capital. Larry wondered if the Farmers Sportsman's Club held any events where it would be appropriate to conduct this outreach. No one present new of any.

Other Business: Larry distributed a new and current preserved land map for Holland Twp., which was updated by Melanie Mason of the County Ag staff.

Pipeline: No update.

Public Comment: N/A

Next Meeting(s): Jun 7th, Jul 5th.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.