Holland Township Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday, October 4, 2018 Holland Township Municipal Building 6:30 p.m.

Minutes

Meeting called to order at: 6:35

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

Agricultural Committee Member	Present
Larry LaFevre (Chairperson)	X
Scott Wilhelm (Township Committee)	EX
John Bonham	EX
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)	х

I. Minutes

September minutes were approved as submitted. Moved by Kyle Young. Seconded by Laura Wilson.

II. Farmland Preservation Applications:

- A. **Slate** (B24 L6, 65.88 ac): Essentially on hold per the PennEast pipeline.
- B. Rolph (Cernecaro) (B17 L19, 104.08ac): Waiting for CMV (Oct).
- C. **Silva** (B10 L43, 97.25ac and B14 L20, 32.99ac): CMV equals \$4600.

III. Other Land Preservation:

- A. **Gombosi** (B25 L30, 49.5 ac): New realtor (Rosalie Vezzosi Keller Williams RE) has a client who is interested in purchasing but would like to preserve. Probably through the CPIG since the next round is due by Oct 29th. May schedule a meeting with buyer.
- B. Gombosi (B17 L24, 101.9 ac): No contact with owners as yet.

- IV. <u>Annual MPIG Application</u>, <u>Outreach and HT Preserved Land</u>: County accepted MPIG without change. Next step is to send to the state.
- V. <u>MPIG Workshop</u>: Next meetings to be held in Central, October 10th, 1 pm to 3 pm (512 Stagecoach Rd., Millstone, NJ) To register: https://goo.gl/GkVhnk and North, October 29th, 10 am -12 pm (Warren County Library South Branch, 404 County Road 519, Stewartsville, NJ 08886). To register: https://goo.gl/U7bHXW.

VI. Other Business:

Larry distributed (and emailed) a flyer describing the new rules for rural microenterprises (RMEs). An RME is a small-scale business or activity that is fully compatible with Ag use and production on the preserved premises. There is at least one farm (possibly two) in Holland Twp. to which this applies. Laura wondered about the significance of the 'permanently preserved prior to January 12, 2006 date', and Larry will ask at the next monthly county Ag meeting.

Lantern flies still being reported to the Department of Agriculture after being seen by multiple residents.

Right to Farm meeting November 7th, 7:30 AM, at the route 12 county complex.

Historic Tullamore (200 acres) sold for 1.575 million dollars

Sue Murphy's farm sold for \$391,400

Cummins Farm sold for \$258,250

VII. Pipeline Update: President Trump has nominated a new FERC commissioner, Bernard McNamee.

VIII. Public Comment: No Comments

<u>Next Meeting:</u> Next Meetings November 1st 2018 and December 6th at the Holland Township Municipal Building at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heather L. Sorge

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