

**Holland Township
Agriculture Advisory Committee Meeting**

Thursday, January 3, 2019
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 township clerk on December 13, 2018.

Agricultural Committee Member	Present
Larry LaFevre (Chairperson)	X
Dan Bush (Township Committee)	X
Scott Wilhelm	EX
John Bonham	X
Christine Frenchu, Consultant	X
Edith Kozak	X
Susan Dufek	X
Laura Wilson	X
Kyle Young (Alt #1)	X
Ron Lozowski (Alt #2)	X
Heather Sorge (Secretary)	X

I. 2019 Reorganization: Mayor Dan Bush swore in all Agricultural Committee members and thanked them for their service to the township.

II. Minutes: December minutes were approved as submitted. Moved by Kyle Young. Seconded by Ron Lozowski.

III. Farmland Preservation Applications:

A. Slate (B24 L6, 65.88 ac): Essentially on hold per the PennEast pipeline.

B. Rolph (Cernecaro) (B17 L19, 91 net ac): CMV=\$4100/ac.

C. Silva (B10 L43, 97.25ac and B14 L20, 32.99ac): CMV=\$4600/ac. SADC working with ATT legal to amend the cell tower lease.

Christine prepared a surveyor RFP for both Rolph and Silva which was sent out January 1st and January 2nd. The county will obtain title searches.

IV. Other Land Preservation:

- A. Gombosi (B25 L30, 49.5 ac): No update
- B. Gombosi (B17 L24, 101.9 ac): No update

V. 2018 Farm Bill: The Farm Bill passed, which is good for Farmland Preservation. Federal funds increased to 45 million a year. Will allow the SDA to double available funds.

VI. Other Business:

- Budgets were sent to the CFO on 12/10/18
- The PA Farm show is January 5th to 12th
- Fireworks use was discussed and how it negatively affects farm animals. Dan stated that the police will speak with, and may cite the offender(s). Concerned township residents may file a complaint with Holland Police, which was recommended.

VII. Pipeline Update: (Dec 27, 2018) HALT filed its brief in the US Court of Appeals for the DC Circuit last Friday, challenging the validity of FERC's certificate of public convenience and necessity.

Dan reported that the attorney for PennEast called Holland Township and stated that they can now access Holland Township properties.

VIII. Public Comment: No Comments

Next Meeting: February 7, 2019 and March 7, 2019 at the Holland Township Municipal Building at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heather L. Sorge

**Heather L. Sorge
Agricultural Advisory Committee Secretary**