

**Holland Township
Agriculture Advisory Committee Meeting**

Thursday, March 7, 2019
Holland Township Municipal Building
6:30 p.m.

Minutes

Meeting called to order at: 6:44 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)	EX
Scott Wilhelm	EX
John Bonham	X
Christine Frenchu, Consultant	EX
Edith Kozak	EX
Susan Dufek	EX
Laura Wilson	X
Kyle Young (Alt #1)	EX
Ron Lozowski (Alt #2)	X
Heather Sorge (Secretary)	X

I. Minutes: January minutes were approved as submitted. Moved by Laura Wilson. Seconded by John Bonham.

II. Administrative Forms 2019: Committee member paperwork was filled out and submitted to Larry LaFevre by all in attendance.

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. Waiting for easement recommendations from the Twp. engineer.

- 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. Contract for land surveying services for both Silva and Rolph was awarded to Bohren and Bohren.

IV. Other Land Preservation:

- A. **Gombosi** (B25 L30, 49.5 ac): Listed for \$599,999.
B. **Gombosi** (B17 L24, 101.9 ac): No update.

V. Other Business:

- Both Ron and Larry attended the PA Sustainable Ag (PASA) Conference in Lancaster, PA from Feb 7 to 9th. Ron attended a seminar on native plants and encouraging growing native plants to benefit the ecosystem.
- Larry found the 'Saving the Farm Long Term' and the 'Engaging the Next Generation' workshops especially informative at the PASA Conference.
- Ron also attended the PA Grassland and Forage Conference in late February.
- SADC staff to attend our May 2nd meeting to discuss outreach.
- There was a discussion about the preservation of the Ironbound farm and the related press releases. Larry questioned whether similar funding could be used in the preservation of our larger farms and plans to discuss it at the monthly county Ag meeting. Ron will mention it to Charles Rosen, the owner, when he sees him.

VI. Pipeline Update:

FERC filed a Notice of Amended Application for PennEast and a new docket # CP19-78. Their notice indicates a call for intervenors and comments by March 8th.

VII. Public Comment: No Comments

Next Meeting: April 4th and May 2nd at the Holland Township Municipal Building at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heather L. Sorge

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Agricultural Advisory Committee Secretary**