

**Holland Township
Agriculture Advisory Committee Meeting**

Thursday, July 01, 2021
Holland Twp. Municipal Building, 6:30 PM

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 6:35 PM.

Present: L. Wilson, E. Kozak, K. Young, J. Bonham, L. LaFevre

Excused: S. Dufek, R. Lozowski, D. Bush, C. Frenchu

Adequate notice of this meeting was given pursuant to the open public meeting act by the Twp. Clerk on December 10, 2020.

The April minutes were approved as submitted.

Farmland Preservation Applications:

Silva (B10 L43, 97.25ac and B14 L20, 32.99ac): CMV=\$4600/ac. After 19 years closed on May 5. Working on partial reimbursement to the Twp for technical costs.

Braun (B15 L2, 112ac and B15 L22.01, 15ac): DE program. CMV=\$3500/ac. Should close this year.

Rolph (Cernecaro) (B17 L19, 91 net ac): CMV=\$4100/ac. Closing review in progress. Estate issue.

Other Land Preservation or Business:

GenOn: Scheduled to close on July 13, 2021.

Gombosi (B25 L30) 49.5ac, Larry talked with the new owner twice. Seems interested in preservation. However, they do not seem to be aware of farmland assessment. Plan to stop by again to give them info on that, the FSA, the SADC, the Twp directory and suggest that they contact the assessor.

Harder (B11 L2, 111.01ac & B11 L2.06, 5.91ac): for sale \$1.85 mil.

Schafer (Cummins): B6 L62.03, 20.99ac.

Smith: B15 L1.01, 23.84ac and B15 L1.02, 18.04. Larry touched base with Suzzane Smith on 6/29. She will reconsider preservation.

Stone/Duff: B26 L26, 15.34ac

Iacono: B26 L28, 10.08ac

Geibel (Tilstra): B24 L5, 30.71ac. Listed for \$750,000.

Rothenberg on Miller Park Rd is still listed for \$12 mil.

The SADC sent a newsletter indicating it is seeking new applications for the state acquisition program, and a formal letter reminding us that the annual PIG application/update is due by Dec 15.

The SADC is considering new rules to determine how much soil can be disturbed on preserved farms. Disturbance activities include cut and fill, and permanent buildings, structures, travel lanes, livestock training areas and parking. The proposal would allow 8% of preserved farm soils to be disturbed or 6 acres, whichever is greater. So, for example, on a 10-acre farm up to 6 acres or 60% could be disturbed. The NJCF (and others) consider this excessive and recommend limiting soil disturbance to 8% or an alternative of 2 acres. While it obviously depends on the operation, it is our consensus that 2 acres would accommodate a lot of buildings and is reasonable. It is also noted that this is in addition to whatever is within the non-severable exception.

Pipeline Update: The US Supreme Court ruled 5 to 4 in favor of PennEast.

Public Comment: N/A

Next Meeting(s): To be determined.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.