

**Holland Township
Agriculture Advisory Committee Meeting**

Thursday, April 7, 2022
Holland Twp. Municipal Building, 6:30 PM

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 6:38PM

Present: J. Bonham, D. Bush, L. LaFevre, B. Kirby-McDonough, R. Lozowski, D. Young, K. Young

Excused: S. Dufek, C. Frenchu, E. Kozak, L. Wilson

Guest: D. Lapczynski

Adequate notice of this meeting was given pursuant to the open public meeting act by the Twp. Clerk on December 9, 2021.

January minutes were approved as submitted.

- Farmland Preservation Applications:
- **Rolph**, MPIG, (B17 L19, 91 net ac): CMV=\$4100/ac. Closing review in progress. Estate issue, work in progress with County legal staff.
- **Schafer/Cummins**, MPIG, (B6 L62.03, 20.99ac): HLT has ordered appraisals. First appraisal received today, 4/7.
- **Smith**, DE, (B15 L1.01 & L1.02, 41ac): Bob Hornby and Larry met with Suzanne Smith on 3/31. She submitted a DE farmland preservation application. State direct.
- **Schmied/Harder**, (B6 L2 & L2.06, 116ac): Stefanie Miller to meet with Avram Schmied on 4/19. Will submit a DE application. Paid \$1.525M.
- **Clark**, (B6 L60, 180ac): Working with the realtor and state to submit a farmland preservation application.

- Other Land Preservation or Business:
- **The Lodge at Riegel Ridge**, Bidding closed at \$506K, awarded to one individual who tried to change it into a business/church offer. Not within the terms of sale. All bidders were rejected. Moved to an abbreviated GovDeals rebidding over the next three weeks, ending 4/29. Bidding to start at \$500K. Sale of the Lodge includes 5.11 acres of land.
- **J. Oliver, Church Road**, (44.5ac) Township reached an agreement to purchase property for \$400K. Contingent upon sale of park house and Environmental Level I. Contract approved by Town Council and delivered by Township attorney.
- **Comprehensive Farmland Preservation Plan**, County is asking for input from all. Larry LaFevre will ask what is being requested. Article will appear in *Holland Happenings* with number to call.
- **Upcoming Ag Outreach Event**, to be hosted by Alexandria Township. NOTE: Date changed to Wednesday, April 20th, at 7:00PM at the Alexandria Twp Municipal Bldg. Reservation recommended.

Larry attended the following recent workshops:

An Inspired Board is a Purpose-Driven Board, Dec 7, 2021.

PASA 2022 Sustainable Ag Conference, 1/13, 1/18 and 2/11, 2022.

LTA, Risk Management Case Study: Sonoma V. Thompson, Jan 20, 2022.

NOFA Winter Conference, Jan 29, 2022.

Marketing 101 for Nonprofits via Cultural and Heritage Commission, Feb 10, 2022.

Larry showed old black & white photograph of racoon hunting. Orville Weider.

Larry also showed Emanuel Tomson 1948 Federal Tax Return, with *Schedule of Farm Income & Expenses*.

Public Comment: N/A

Next Meeting(s): May 5th, 6:30PM

Meeting Adjourned: 7:30PM