

**Holland Township
Agriculture Advisory Committee Meeting**

Thursday, November 3, 2022
Holland Twp. Municipal Building, 6:30 PM

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 6:34PM

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

Excused: D. Bush, S. Dufek, C. Frenchu, E. Kozak, D. Young

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

October minutes were approved.

Farmland Preservation Applications:

- **Schafer/Cummins**, MPIG, (B6 L62.03, 20.99ac): CMV of \$5300 per acre accepted by owner on 7/31/22. HLT will order the survey. Need Twp resolution even though no cost share.
- **Smith**, DE, (B15 L1.01 & L1.02, 41ac): CMV of \$4900 per acre accepted by owner.
- **Schmied/Harder** (B11 L2 & L2.06, 116ac): Avram Schmied plans to sell the farm. SADC is examining the possibility of a fee acquisition. Appraisals approved at the last SADC meeting.
- **Duff/Stone**, DE (B26, L26, 15ac): Accepted CMV of \$4700 per acre.
- **Clark/Tomson** (B6 L60, 180ac): No update.

Other Land Preservation or Business:

SADC Video Series – Larry LaFevre asked if members received an email message announcing videos that featured interviews with preserved farmland owners and operators.

J. Slate (B24 L6, 65.88ac) – Preservation application currently on hold. Larry stated that the State may reactivate the application now that the pipeline issue is settled.

Annual PIG Application Review and Update - Larry led a review of the draft PIG application. The Township Committee approved the draft on November 1st. It will be submitted to the County and then to the State. Larry mentioned that he spoke with Bob Hornby about updating the map in advance. Larry covered highlights such as 2022 Farmland Preservation closings, 2022 Open Space closings and properties currently pending farmland preservation. (Slate and Zinn properties may be revisited this year.) A motion was made to approve the PIG application. All members voted in favor, none opposed. Motion approved.

2023 Proposed Budget and Meeting Dates - Larry announced that the 2023 Budget will remain the same as 2022. That is, \$11,400. The 2023 Farmland Preservation Budget (including Schafer/Slate/Kotulak) is not expected to cost the Township any expense. Larry and Beverly Kirby-McDonough assigned 2023 meeting dates. Meetings will continue to be held on the first Thursday of each month, starting at 6:30PM.

Farmland Preservation Signage – John Bonham expressed concern about the quality of Farmland Preservation signage. Larry stated that new or replacement signs can be ordered online from the State of New Jersey - SADC.

Public Comment: N/A

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

Meeting Adjourned: 7:23PM