

# Holland Township Agriculture Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday, June 1, 2023  
Holland Twp. Municipal Building, 6:30 PM

## Minutes

Meeting called to order at 6:37PM

Present: J. Bonham, D. Bush, A. Hammerstone, L. LaFevre, B. Kirby-McDonough, L. Wilson

Excused: S. Dufek, C. Frenchu, R. Lozowski, K. Young

*Adequate notice of this meeting was given pursuant to the open public meeting act by the Twp. Clerk on December 8, 2022.*

### April Minutes Were Approved

#### Farmland Preservation Applications:

- **Schafer/Cummins**, MPIG, (B6 L62.03, 20.99ac): Agreement for sale executed. Survey in process. Title work completed.
- **Smith**, DE, (B15 L1.01 & L1.02, 41ac): Closed on May 15, 2023! This brings total farmland preservation to 2,736 acres. Larry LaFevre showed Harris Survey.
- **Schmied/Harder** (B6 L2 & L2.06, 116ac): Avram Schmied plans to sell the farm. Appraisals in process for SADC fee purchase. State made offer of \$1.674M. That is, \$10,000/ac plus \$500,000/improvements.
- **Duff/Stone**, DE (B26, L26, 15ac): Accepted CMV of \$4700/acre. Not active. Farm is for sale for \$750,000.
- **Clark/Tomson** (B6 L60, 180ac): Per realtor, owner turned down an offer of \$1.5M.
- **Slate** DE (B24, L6, 65.88ac): Option agreement to be presented to landowner.

#### Other Land Preservation or Business

150 Case Steam Tractor Pulling 44 John Deere Plows – In an email dated May 26<sup>th</sup>, Larry shared an internet link to a video.

Doylestown & Easton Trolley Line – Larry sent out an internet link to a map including trolley stops and some photographs.

Reminder – Program on Delaware River Trade by Dennis Bertland – June 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:30AM at Dvoor Farm, Farmer's Market.

#### Holland Township 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Several ideas for the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary were suggested by this Commission. They included an antique tractor show, horse plowing contest, square dance, period reenactors in costume, horse/pony rides or equine education (contact Phoenix Rising Farm – Jessica Britton) and Exoticars USA road rally.

Dan Bush stated that about eight events will be planned for 2024. Proposed events are a Vintage Exhibition Baseball Game, 5K River Run, Community Fun Day, Local History Day and enhanced Community Day. Dan also mentioned that in the "Holland Happenings" newsletter, the Environmental Commission may supply some photographs and locations of Arbor Day trees planted in town. A recreation/update of the Holland Township 1776-1976 Bi-Centennial booklet was also mentioned.

Dan also spoke of a limited production of (50) vintage baseball jerseys. A sponsor is being sought to provide seed funding. Proceeds from the sale of the jerseys will help support the restoration of the grandstand at Riegel Ridge.

Show and Tell: N/A

Public Comment: N/A

**Next Meeting(s): September 7th, 6:30PM**

**Meeting Adjourned: 7:10PM**