

# Holland Township Agriculture Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday, November 2, 2023  
Holland Twp. Municipal Building, 6:30 PM

## Minutes

Meeting called to order at 6:34PM

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

Excused: D. Bush, C. Frenchu

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

### **October Minutes Were Approved**

#### **Farmland Preservation Applications:**

- **Schafer/Cummins**, MPIG, (B6 L62.03, 20.99ac): State attorney reviewed. There may be an encroachment issue with a neighbor's fences. Larry LaFevre passed around two maps of the property showing fences and iron pins. Pin at corner #8 was not set. Property will be surveyed again.
- **Schmied/Harder** (B6 L2 & L2.06, 116ac): Fee offer on hold. No update.
- **Duff/Stone**, DE (B26, L26, 15ac) Preservation offer withdrawn. Farm is for sale for \$750,000.
- **Clark/Tomson** (B6 L60, 180ac): Owner is asking \$11,000 per acre. Working with the realtor, who has talked with county staff and others. The county is looking at this farm.
- **Slate**, DE (B24, L6, 65.88ac): Offer received, response pending. No further update.

#### **Other Land Preservation or Business**

**Tilstra B22/L52** (23.29 acres) HLT is working with the realtor and land owner to preserve this property via Green Acres, which would add it to the Gravel Hill preserve.

#### **O'sakame Park Sign**

Larry reported that a second draft of the O'sakame Park sign was received from the sign company. He circulated two photographs, one of which illustrated a historical narrative developed by Joann Bonham Schaible. Larry asked for suggestions about where to place the sign, perhaps along the parking lot. A full-sized proof, measuring 24" X 36", will be received before the sign is finalized by the vendor.

#### **Annual PIG Application Review**

Larry discussed the Annual PIG Application. The Township Committee approved the application, and the Township passed a formal resolution on October 17, 2023. The Preserved Farmland and Open Space Map was updated by Larry and Bob Hornby, CADB Administrator. The application is ready to be submitted to the State Agricultural Development Committee (SADC) by the due date of December 15, 2023.

#### **Other Business – 2024 Budget, Meeting Dates, Members...**

Larry provided copies of the proposed 2024 Agricultural Advisory Committee Budget of \$11,400 and the 2024 Farmland Preservation Budget of \$32,500. A list of 2024 meeting dates are due to Melissa Tigar by the end of November. The 2024 meeting dates were shared with all Agricultural Advisory Committee members via email on November 2.

Larry announced that a Veteran's Day Ceremony will be held on Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:00AM at the Holland Township Municipal Building. Please RSVP to Melissa Tigar.

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

Based on information received from Mayor Dan Bush, Beverly Kirby-McDonough mentioned donors for the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. They include Northfield Bank and Georgia Pacific, \$5K each. Several \$1K sponsors including Dutch Mill Market, Holland Pharmacy, Miller Garage Door, Phillips Farm and Johnson-Walton Funeral Home.

A tentative slate of events, subject to approval by the 150<sup>th</sup> Planning Committee, include: Holland History Tour (slideshow at Riegel Ridge), Vintage Baseball Game and Fireworks, Baseball Jerseys, Yoga Under the Stars, Community Pool Day, Library Book Reading for children and 5K River Run. Events will be scheduled throughout the year.

### **Show and Tell:**

Pin - 1939 Hunting License – Larry

Booklet - Great Flood Disaster of 1955; Democrat Press, Flemington, NJ - Larry

**Public Comment:** N/A

**Next Meeting(s): January 4, 2024, 6:30PM (Reorganization)**

**Meeting Adjourned: 7:28PM**