

Holland Township Agriculture Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday, January 4, 2024
Holland Twp. Municipal Building, 6:30 PM

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 6:35PM

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

Excused: S. Dufek, L. LaFevre, C. Frenchu

Adequate notice of this meeting was given pursuant to the open public meeting act by the Twp. Clerk on December 21, 2023.

2024 Reorganization

Oath of Allegiance Forms were signed by all members in attendance. Mayor Dan Bush swore in present members, renewing their one-year terms.

November 2023 Minutes Were Approved

Farmland Preservation Applications:

- **Schafer/Cummins**, MPIG, (B6 L62.03, 20.99ac): Fence encroachment resolved. Final survey review.
- **Schmied/Harder** (B6 L2 & L2.06, 116ac): Fee purchase in process.
- **Clark/Tomson** (B6 L60, 180ac): Owner is asking \$11,000 per acre. The county is looking at this farm. The realtor, Bob Hornby, Bill Millette, Jackie Middleton and L. LaFevre toured the property on 11/29.
- **Slate, DE** (B24, L6, 65.88ac): Width of road ROW under review. It is standard procedure to review all ROW's. Active application, back under consideration.

Other Land Preservation or Business

Tilstra B22/L52 (23.29 acres) Possible Green Acres. No update.

O'sakame Park Sign

The O'sakame park sign was received at the Township garage. There is still a question about where to display the sign inside the park. Dan reported that the Environmental Commission completed and ordered a sign. Also, two additional benches were delivered to the Department of Public Works.

Annual PIG Application Review

Christine Frenchu submitted the application to the State Agricultural Development Committee (SADC) on December 5, 2023.

Holland Township 150th Anniversary

Dan described the 150th Schedule of Events. The Pickleball Clinic (February) is very popular. At least 45 people have expressed interest in signing up, before a limited registration of 20 participants has been announced. T-shirts, with events and sponsors on the back, are currently in production. Also, banners will be made for display at the RRCC pool, inside the gymnasium and at Case Field.

To-date, \$16K in donations was received from local businesses. The cut-off date for sponsorships making our advertising is Friday, January 12th. Ron generously offered to make a donation. Dan advised Ron to reach out directly to Melissa Tigar before the cut-off date.

Dan spoke about the 150th Anniversary Booklet. It will include all Township Boards and Commissions with a short mission statement of each. Group pictures of members are expected to be taken next month (February).

Other Business

PASA Conference - Ron Lozowski spoke about the upcoming Pennsylvania Sustainable Agricultural (PASA) Conference to be held February 8th through February 10th in Lancaster, PA. He mentioned that attendees can select from an array of interesting topics and presentations. The conference will also include social networking events and trade shows.

Hunterdon County 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution – Marcia Karrow will host a meeting on January 6th at 2:00PM at the Hunterdon County Library. Our priority will be on the Holland Township 150th Anniversary before we can commit to planning for the County event.

Show and Tell: N/A

Public Comment: N/A

Next Meeting(s): February 1st, 2024, 6:30PM

Meeting Adjourned: 7:15PM