

Holland Township
Agriculture Advisory Committee Meeting
Thursday, February 1, 2024
Holland Twp. Municipal Building, 6:30 PM

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 6:30PM

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 21, 2023.

January 2024 Minutes Were Approved

Farmland Preservation Applications:

- **Schafer/Cummins**, MPIG, (B6 L62.03, 20.99ac): Fence encroachment resolved. Final survey review. Larry LaFevre passed around a copy of the final survey.
- **Schmied/Harder** SADC fee purchase (B6 L2 & L2.06, 116ac): Under agreement. Environmental review.
- **Clark/Tomson** (B6 L60, 180ac): The County is looking at this farm. No update.
- **Slate**, DE (B24, L6, 65.88ac): Title review.

Other Land Preservation or Business

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

Gombosi (B17 L24, 101.9ac) On 1/26, L. LaFevre and representatives from the State, County and HLT met owners on site. Currently listed for \$1.95M. Moving toward farmland preservation. Less than 50% tillable. Larry passed around map.

Other Business

Braun Farm – Larry stated that the preserved Braun farm sold for \$775K. 2019 total value of \$739K; consisting of \$160K easement and \$579 after value.

Farms For Sale – There was mention of two Holland Township farms currently listed for sale. D. Farmer (Kinney farm) ~198ac, \$1.8M and S. Smith farm ~42ac, \$3.0M.

Upcoming Talks – Larry announced two upcoming talks. “Virtual River Talk: Sustaining Agriculture in Northwest New Jersey”, February 6 at 7:00PM via Zoom, and “Rural Development Energy Efficiency Programs with USDA” (Grants), February 22, 8:00AM–11:00AM Flemington. For further details, see <https://www.hunterdonlandtrust.org/events/>

Holland Township 150th Anniversary

No update.

Show and Tell:

Article: “New Jersey Dairy Spans Centuries”, story about Califon dairy and Sutton Family. From Lancaster Farming - 27 January 2024. - Larry.

Documentation: Related to O’sakame Preserve. Pvt. Jeremiah Clark was the first to purchase the site from the British. It is a historic Native American site. - Larry

Public Comment: N/A

Next Meeting(s): April 4, 2024, 6:30PM

Meeting Adjourned: 7:30PM