

## **Alloway Township Agricultural Advisory May 10, 2012 Minutes**

**Members present: Jennifer Coombs, Alexis Coleman, Chuck Mihlebach, Nicole Priore, Walt Turner, Sharon Coleman; Meryle Patrick(Twp. Cmte. Liason)**

**Members absent: Ron Vassallo**

**Public: Anne Sullivan, Jim Yanus**

**Meeting was called to order by Chair Jennifer Coombs at 7:35 P.m. at the Alloway Township Municipal Building and was in compliance with requirements of R.S. 10:4-10.**

**Moved by C.Mihlebach, seconded by N.Priore, to approve minutes of March 8,2012 meeting. Unanimously approved.**

**Old business: Yanus and Sickler applications have green light approval at the State Agricultural Development Committee(SADC). Timeline of applications being completed, and appraisals were discussed. Mr. Yanus updated committee on process he has facilitated to amend his application with excepting his house.**

**Alloway PIG Administrators report: Committee discussed concerns regarding current applications not being forwarded to County Ag Committee as required. Meryle Patrick will address this with PIG Administrator. Moved by A. Coleman, seconded by C. Mihlebach, to accept report.Unanimously approved.**

**New application: Committee discussed reasoning behind the expedition of new application (Doak/Foster parcel) by PIG Administrator. Committee expressed concerns that this application is being placed above current two project farms, and expressed township funding concerns regarding this. This parcel is not identified in current PIG Project Area .Moved by A. Coleman, seconded by C. Mihlebach to accept the new application (Doak), and to add it to Alloway Farmland Preservation Plan when 2013 PIG Application is resubmitted at end of year to state and county, and subsequently will be ranked at that time.Unanimously approved.**

**Public comment: Jim Yanus presented information regarding his house exception process.**

**New business: Jennifer Coombs will contact CADB Director Kris Alexander to ensure that requirements of submission of PIG application documents to CADB(County Ag Dev, Brd.), are being met. As of May 10, 2012 , they had not been submitted. Alloway Ag Cmte .emphasized to Twp. Committeeman Patrick, that the TwpCmte.must be watchful of the township's designated farmland preservation tax fund in reviewing new projects being brought forth by Twp. PIG Administrator. There are current Alloway farms in preservation pipeline through the CADB, which township is required to provide 2 % of cost sharing of those projects**

**Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.**

Submitted by Sharon Coleman, Secretary