

Alloway Township Agricultural Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes - November 13, 2014

Members Present: Ron Vassallo, Chairman, Beth Reilly, Louis Joyce, Chuck Mihlebach, Jack Schultz,  
Absent: Walt Turner Al Mitchell, Don Smith.

Chairman Vassallo called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm.

The minutes from the September 11, 2014 were read. Motion by Finlaw to approve the minutes, second by Mihlebach, unanimously approved.

Mr. Joyce provided a summary of the PIG funds and the Township trust fund. The balance in the Municipal Incentive Planning Grant fund at SADC is \$888,144.35. The original grant amount was \$1,250,000 and \$361,855.65 has been spent from the fund.

According to the Township Treasurer the Open Space/Farmland Preservation Trust fund contained \$107,650.66 on 9/15/14. Funds were committed for various projects leaving a balance of \$42,774.77. It is anticipated that possibly \$30,000 will be received back when the farms go to closing with a projected balance of \$72,774.

The need to file the annual Municipal PIG application was discussed. It appears that an application was filed last year. The deadline is December 15, 2014.

On motion by Reilly, second by Vasallo the Board approved the filing of the Municipal Planning Incentive Grant Program application for the 2016 Planning Round. Ms. Reilly will have the application approved by Township Committee.

The current preserved lands map prepared by the County Planning Department was presented by Mr. Joyce and reviewed. Some errors were noted. The Board agreed to ask for the map to include lot numbers, and names if possible. Also, to have a map of the project area prepared.

The Board reviewed the ranking criteria contained on page 104 of the Township Farmland Preservation Plan. The committee also confirmed that a copy of the plan is available on the Township website.

Items to be discussed at the next meeting are: updated preservation map to be provided by the County; review of the application form and ranking procedure in the Plan;

Next meeting will be January 8, 2015.

On motion by Reilly, second by Schultz the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Louis Joyce, Secretary

Approved: January 8, 2015