Alloway Township Agriculture Advisory Board

Minutes September 14, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Schultz at 7:30 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Schultz.

Roll Call: Present: Jack Schultz, Lou Joyce, Brian Lorenz, Walt Turner, Al Mitchell (via phone), Brian Dolbow. Absent: Ron Vassallo, Beth Reilly Twp Committee Liaison

Approval of the minutes: on motion by Mr. Turner, 2nd by Mr. Dolbow, the minutes of May 11, 2017 meeting were approved. Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Dolbow abstained. (Note: the July meeting was canceled no minutes were produced).

Old Business:

Mr. Joyce reported to the Board that he received word that the Township Committee approved contracts for appraisals for the Sickler and Gentile properties. After last meeting (May) the application for Robbins-Williams was reactivated by SADC. The forms to send to SADC to get the green light approval for Sickler and Gentile were signed and sent to Kris Alexander. He also reported that the property surveys and Resolutions authorizing final approval have been completed for McAlonan 2& 3 farms.

Mr. Joyce reported that the unencumbered balance in the Township Farmland and Open Space account is \$49,804.73 which includes the FY2017 Local Open Space and Farmland Preservation tax contribution of \$14,011.00. Recovery of 50% of soft costs from SADC for the Chard farm preservation in the amount of \$7,585.00 has been received.

(Mr. Mitchell left the meeting at this time)

New Business:

The members discussed possible additions to the Target Farm list for next year's PIG application and decided to look at properties on Pierson Road and Commissioners Pike.

The Board reviewed a memorandum from SADC on their Right to Farm Outreach Efforts for 2017 - 2018 which lists the available publications on the topic.

It was announced that the next meeting will be November 9, 2017.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm on motion of Mr. Turner, 2nd Mr. Lorenz by unanimous vote.

Louis C. Joyce Secretary

APPROVED: November 9, 2017