

Alloway Township Agriculture Advisory Board

Minutes
November 9, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Schultz at 7:35 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Schultz.

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

Approval of the minutes: on motion by Mr. Turner, 2nd by Mr. Lorenz, the minutes of September 14, 2017 meeting were approved by unanimous vote.

Old Business:

Mr. Joyce reported to the Board that the Township received a notification from SADC on the applications to preserve two parcels located in the Township. the SADC requested that the Township indicate that it supported the preservation or did not support. He explained that the properties are not in the Township Project Area but are going through the Direct Easement Program. The properties are Block 40 Lot 2 and Block 109, Lots 3 & 3.01. Both are part of larger parcels that primarily originate outside the Township.

On motion by Mr. Turner and 2nd by Mr. Vassallo the Board recommended to Township Committee to support the preservation. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Fran Rapa, Regional Manager for the New Jersey Conservation Foundation presented an Update Report to the Board. He started with a short history of NJCF saying the organization has preserved over 125,000 acres since its founding in 1960. He explained that they get funding from both public and private sources and they use those funds to provide matching grants for preservation. He then indicated that there are five active applications in the Township at this time, with three that must be settled by March 31, 2018 or funding will be lost. The Robbins-Williams property is awaiting a federal appraisal, and the McAlonan 2 and McAlonan 3 properties have received the appraisals and have final approvals and are moving toward completion. The Gentile and Sickler properties have received "Green Light" approval from SADC and are being processed but do not face the March 31, 2018 deadline for funding.

Mr. Rapa next discussed four other properties that NJCF will be evaluating in 2018, although two are outside the Township Project Area. He informed the Board members about the differences between SADC funding conditions and Federal ACE funding. Finally, Mr. Rapa indicated that since 2009, NJCF has participated in preserving 317 acres in the Township.

Mr. Joyce reported that there is no update to the Township Trust Fund balance at this time.

New Business:

The members continued the discussed additions to the Target Farm list for FY2019 PIG application and agreed on properties on Pierson Road and Commissioners Pike. Alloway Township Target Farm List Additions for FY2019 PIG Application were:

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Block 15, Lot 14 16.52 Ac
Block 15, Lot 7 29.12 Ac
Block 16, Lot 9 66.95 Ac
Block 13, Lot 20 46.75 Ac
Block 64, Lot 7 56.56 Ac
Block 64, Lot 25 7.56 Ac

Total 223.46 Ac

Mr. Joyce reviewed the FY 2019 PIG grant application.

On motion by Mr. Turner with 2nd by Mr. Lorenz the Board approved sending the FY2019 PIG grant application to Township Committee for approval and submission to SADC. Vote was unanimous.

It was announced that the next meeting will be January 11, 2018 for reorganization. Mr. Joyce reviewed the terms of the current members and will inform the Township Committee of the members needing reappointment.

Meeting adjourned at 8:49 pm on motion of Mr. Turner, 2nd Mr. Lorenz by unanimous vote.

Louis C. Joyce
Secretary

APPROVED: January 11, 2019