

Alloway Township Agriculture Advisory Board

Minutes
January 12, 2017

Township Committeeman Patrick administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed members Al Mitchell, Louis Joyce, Brian Dolbow and Brian Lorenz.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Schultz at 7:40 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Schultz.

Roll Call: Present : Lou Joyce, Al Mitchell, Ron Vassallo, Jack Schultz, Walt Turner, Brian Dolbow, Brian Lorenz. Merle Patrick as Twp Committee Liaison.

Absent : none

Also present: Cindy Roberts and Katie Garrett from SADC.

Election of officers for 2017: Jack Schultz, Chairman, Al Mitchell, Vice Chairman, Louis Joyce, Secretary moved by Mitchell, 2nd by Turner with all in favor.

Meeting schedule for 2017 was established as 2nd Tuesday bi-monthly,: 1/12; 3/9; 5/11; 7/13; 9/14; 11/9; and January 11, 2018 reorganization. Moved by Turner, 2nd by Mitchell, unanimously approved.

Approval of the minutes, on motion by Mitchell, 2nd by Turner, the minutes of November 10, 2016 meeting were approved.

Old Business:

The Board reviewed the 2018 PIG application and map. The Board also reviewed the status of active applications. Mr. Joyce reported that settlement on the Ray farm had concluded in December. Active applications include:

Richard Reick, Block 64, Lot 6 [54]
Kurt & Donna Sickler, Block 36, Lot 4 [71.7]
Benjamin & Charlotte Gentile, Block 37, Lots 13 & 14 [65.6]
Gene Zimmer, Block 15, Lot 5.03 [54.5]
Barbara Nixon, Executrix, Block 16 Lots 10 & 11 [70.6]

Mr. Joyce reported that the unencumbered balance in the Township Farmland and Open Space account is \$54,072.25. Funds are currently encumbered to cover costs associated with the McAlonan 2 & 3 applications. Recovery of 50% of soft costs for the Chard and Ray farms is anticipated.

New Business:

Cindy Roberts introduced Katie Garrett as the new SADC local liaison. She provided the Board with an overview of the preservation programs including, Direct Easement, grants to Counties and municipalities and partnerships with non-profits such as New Jersey Conservation Foundation (NJCF). She also

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described changes to the federal FRPP program. She indicated that there are new application rounds open in January. A copy of NJ Right To Farm information was provided to the members.

The Board discussed partnering with NJCF on the January funding round.

On motion by Turner with 2nd by Vassallo the Board recommended to Township Committee to green light the submission of applications, in partnership with NJCF, for the three top ranking applications, being Sickler, Gentile and Nixon. The motion was approved unanimously.

On motion by Mitchell with 2nd by Vassallo, the Board further recommended that the remaining applications, Reick and Zimmer, be approved for submission as alternates, should any higher ranking applicant decline to participate. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Patrick indicated he will take the Board's recommendations to Township Committee for formal action.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:34 pm on motion by Vassallo, 2nd by Mitchell by unanimous vote.

Louis C. Joyce
Secretary

APPROVED: March 9, 2017