

Alloway Township Agriculture Advisory Board

Minutes
May 10, 2018

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

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jack Schultz.

Roll call: present - Brian Lorenz, Jack Schultz, Brian Dolbow . Absent- Ron Vassallo, Al Mitchell, Walt Turner, Beth Reilly, Twp Committee liaison, Lou Joyce (Secretary)

The minutes from the March meeting were not approved and will be presented for approval at the July meeting.

Old Business: Received and reviewed update information from Fran Rapa, NJCF and Katie Mazzella, SADC.

Mr. Rapa's report on the Status of NJCF's Alloway projects:.

McAlonan 2, McAlonan 3 & Robbins-Williams - We are in the final federal audit process and most of the payment and closing documents have been prepared. The NRCS has granted an extension of our closing deadline to June 30, but we anticipate closing all three later this month.

Gentile & Sickler - NRCS has granted approval and we are awaiting a cooperative agreement for signing. There was a recent delay while NRCS headquarters in Washington developed a new policy regarding what parties will have to sign future ACEP agreements, but we have been informed that this issue has been resolved and the new agreement is forthcoming. Once the new agreement is received and all parties sign, we will be authorized to proceed with ordering federal appraisals. Estimated closings: late 2018 or early 2019.

Parave - In April, NJCF applied for SADC non-profit grant funding. We understand that the application is in good shape and we are optimistic about approval. If it approved by SADC, NJCF anticipates applying for matching NRCS funds later this year. Estimated closing: late 2019.

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Francis Rapa, Regional Manager

Ms. Mazzella's report indicated that with the funds encumbered for the McAlonan and Robbins-Williams properties the balance from the FY11 Township PIG grant is \$247,466.

Brian Dolbow read information to Brian Lorenz and Jack Schultz. No Township Trust Fund financial information was available.

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New Business: Robin Bell attended for the meeting and talk about her information on her property and was not in the target area. Jack Schultz and Brian Dolbow suggested to stop by the next meeting and also look up the information on the website for SADC about the requirements on farm preserved land. Warren Morgan stopped by for information on the committee and he is on the environmental committee and he mentioned that the Agriculture Advisory Committee is doing a great job on farm preservation projects.

Meeting adjourned 8:07pm on motion of Jack Schultz, 2nd Mr. Lorenz unanimously approved.

Submitted by Brian Lorenz as acting Secretary.

Louis C. Joyce
Secretary

APPROVED: July 12, 2018