

# Alloway Township Agriculture Advisory Board

Minutes  
September 13, 2018

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

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Schultz.

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

Others Present: Warren Morgan

The minutes from the March 8, 2018 meeting were approved on motion by Schultz Turner, 2nd by Mitchell, all in favor with Turner and Lorenz abstaining. (Note: the March minutes were not approved at the last meeting)

The minutes from the July 12, 2018 meeting were approved on motion by Turner, 2nd by Lorenz , all in favor with Mitchell abstaining.

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

Ms. Mazzella submitted a report detailing the status of active applications. The Sickler application has received Green Light and Certified Value approvals, the Gentile application has received Green Light approval. The Parave application (through NJCF) has received Green Light approval. Her report included a summary spreadsheet of preservation activity which shows that between June 2013 and June 2018 there have been seven farms preserved totaling 270 acres and the Township grant fund balance is \$246,465. Finally, it has been reported that the FY2019 PIG Grant fund has been approved for an additional \$500,000.

Mr. Rapa reported that the owners of the Roy Williams farm were interested in preservation and requested that the Board take action to advise the Township Committee to approve the application. On motion by Mitchell, 2nd by Turner the Board unanimously approved moving forward with NJCF on the Roy Williams application.

Carl Rieck and Helen Rieck Nelson appeared and indicated that they would like to proceed on the application by Richard Rieck when the estate is settled. They were advised to have the application amended to indicate the new ownership names, but that otherwise it will remain active as submitted.

The Township Trust Fund financial information was received from the Township Treasurer. The fund balance started at \$61,558.. The 2018 open space tax is \$14,008.50 and reimbursement of 50% of the soft costs from SADC were received of \$11,393 from the McAlonan and Robbins farm closings. No current Open Space account balance was reported. Upcoming costs for the Sickler and Gentile farms soft costs will be deducted from the balance.

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New Business:

The SADC will conduct a training session on October 2 at the Ware Building in Mannington. The Board discussed upcoming map amendments when the FY2020 PIG Grant application is completed and submitted in December.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 8, 2018

Meeting adjourned 8:20 pm on motion of Mr. Turner , 2nd Mr. Lorenz and unanimously approved.

Louis C. Joyce  
Secretary

**APPROVED: November 8, 2018**