

Alloway Township Agriculture Advisory Board

Minutes
November 8, 2018

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

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Schultz.

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

Others Present: Katie Mazzella, SADC, Warren Morgan Township Committee, members of the public Robin Bell, Ed Rieck and Walter Rieck.

The minutes from the September 13 , 2018 meeting were approved, as amended, on motion by Mr. Mitchell, 2nd by Mr. Lorenz , all in favor with Mr. Dolbow abstaining.

Old Business:

a. SADC Report. Ms. Mazzella presented a report detailing the status of active applications. The Sickler application has received Green Light and Certified Value approvals, but needs clarification of survey issues remaining from the originally filed major subdivision approval. The Gentile application has received Certified value and needs federal appraisal value to proceed.

She next presented an SADC mapping of properties that can qualify for SADC Direct Easement purchase (minimum of 92 acres). The Board members helped identify the properties and pledged to contact the various owners. Properties mapped within the Township Project area are: Block 30 Lot 6; Block 11 Lot 28; Block 26 Lot 12; Block 22 Lot 36 and Block 22 Lot 31.01.

Ms. Mazzella reported that the Deer Fencing grant money applications will conclude on November 30.

b. Mr. Rapa was not available and when his update is received it will be distributed to the members.

Carl Rieck appeared and indicated that they are proceeding on the application by Richard Rieck and also presented Walter Rieck who owns the adjoining property. They indicated they want to include both properties in the application.

The Township Trust Fund financial information was received from the Township Treasurer. 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 (same as reported in September). The current Open Space account balance was reported as \$85,041. Upcoming costs for the Sickler and Gentile farms soft costs will be deducted from the balance.

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New Business:

a. 2020 PIG Grant Application Target Farms Map additions was opened on motion by Mr. Lorenz and 2nd by Mr. Mitchell. Discussion proceeded around the 2018 Township Project Area Map. The proposed additions to the map were marked and agreed and to be prepared and submitted to Township Committee for approval. Project area additions in the Penton and the Timberman Road areas were delineated.

The proposed 2020 Alloway Project Area Map amendments were approved by unanimous vote.

b. Motion to submit the 2020 PIG Grant Application to the Township Committee for approval and submittal to SADC was made by Mr. Dolbow with 2nd by Mr. Lorenz. Secretary Joyce indicated he will make the appropriate revisions and updates to the 2019 application to be submitted as the 2020 grant application.

Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

c. Motion by Mr. Mitchell with 2nd by Mr. Dolbow to approve the Salem County Target Farms annual letter, if required.

Approved by unanimous vote.

No public comment was received.

Chairman Schultz announced the next meeting is scheduled for January 10, 2019 and will include reorganization.

Meeting adjourned 8:30 pm on motion of Mr. Schultz, 2nd Mr. Dolbow and unanimously approved.

Louis C. Joyce
Secretary

DRAFT: subject to approval an next Regular meeting