

Alloway Township Agriculture Advisory Committee

Minutes

May 9, 2019

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

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Schultz.

Roll call: present - Jack Schultz, Al Mitchell, Lou Joyce , Brian Lorenz, Walt Turner, Warren Morgan, Twp Committee liaison.

Absent- Ron Vassallo, Brian Dolbow

Others Present:

The minutes from the March 14, 2019 meeting were discussed. Mr. Joyce said that two revisions from the draft that was circulated after the March meeting were made, being the PIG Grant amount reported by Ms. Mazzella was \$500,000 and the Township minimum parcel size for target farms was 10 acres. Minutes approved on motion by Mr. Mitchell, 2nd by Mr. Lorenz , all in favor.

Old Business:

a. Report from Salem CADB: no report.

b. Report from SADC:

Email from Katie Mazzella was read by Mr. Joyce. She reported that the Gentile and Sickler applications were still in closing review; and she said that the Rieck farms is a County Target and we should forward to Kris Alexander to get on the county list and maybe it can be selected for funding. Mr. Joyce will follow up with County, SADC and NJCF to report back on funding options.

c. Report from NJCF: no report

d. The Township Trust Fund balance report was received from the Township Treasurer.

The Open Space/Farmland Preservation Fund balance was \$77,181. Encumbrances of \$20,550 are listed for current projects. It was noted that when the two current purchases are completed some of the encumbrances will be refunded.

Other Old Business: the Committee reviewed the current Township Farmland Preservation Plan dated October 2011. Specific sections discussed included Chapter 5-2 Eligibility and Ranking Criteria and Appendix C Ranking Criteria. It was suggested to consult with SADC on regulations for any Plan update that can be anticipated.

New Business:

The Committee reviewed the letter from SADC regarding the application by Carl Mehaffey for a development easement for Block 110, Lots 2 and 5.01. After discussion and on motion by Mr. Turner, with 2nd by Mr. Mitchell the Committee voted to recommend to Township Committee to support application SADC ID#17-0343-DE. Vote was unanimous.

Public Comment: Mrs. Bell said we are doing a fine job.

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Chairman Schultz announced the next meeting is scheduled for July 11, 2019.

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

Louis C. Joyce
Secretary

Approved: July 11, 2019