

Alloway Township Agriculture Advisory Committee

Minutes

July 11, 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: Fran Rapa, NJCF

The minutes from the May 9, 2019 meeting were discussed. Minutes approved on motion by Mr. Mitchell, 2nd by Mr. Lorenz , all in favor.

Old Business:

a. Report from Salem CADB: Kris Alexander sent an email with report on closing of Sickler and Gentile properties that occurred on June 26. She did not have any other Alloway Township applications to report on.

b. Report from SADC:

Email from Katie Mazzella was read by Mr. Joyce. She was unable to attend due to jury duty. She repeated earlier suggestion that the Rieck farms be forward to Kris Alexander to see if she will process as a county application without any local cost share. She reported the Township PIG Grant balance is \$37,756 with \$500,000 to be provided when the State funding is approved.

c. Report from NJCF: Fran Rapa attended. He provided a written report and updated the status of NJCF funding opportunities. He said that they were clearing their backlog of applications and will be pursuing new opportunities in the next fiscal year. The Committee referred him to consider the Rieck and Bell properties and he agreed to consider. His report included a list of twelve farms they have participated in preserving totaling 482.9 acres.

d. The Township Trust Fund balance report was received from the Township Treasurer. The Open Space/Farmland Preservation Fund balance was \$83,850.24. Encumbrances of \$20,000 are listed for current projects but some of that will now be canceled since the farms have been preserved.

New Business:

Mr. Joyce reported that the Township Plan will be due for a re-examination in 2020 and stated that SADC has indicated that some funding will be available. The Committee asked what the criteria is for a re-exam and Mr. Joyce will inquire of SADC if there are standards for the re-exam.

Mr. Mitchell noted that the New Jersey Conservation Foundation (NJCF) has been collaborating with the Township on preservation activities since 2009. He offered a motion to have the Township Committee send a letter of appreciation and congratulations to NJCF for the 10 years of collaboration in preserving farmland in the Township. Seconded by Mr. Turner and unanimously approved. Committeeman Morgan will take the message to Township Committee for its next meeting.

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Public Comment: no comments received.

Chairman Schultz announced the next meeting is scheduled for September 12, 2019.

Meeting adjourned 8:05 pm on motion of Mr. Turner, 2nd Mr. Mitchell and unanimously approved.

Louis C. Joyce
Secretary

Approved: September 12, 2019