

Alloway Township Agriculture Advisory Committee

Minutes

January 9, 2020

Newly appointed members were administered the Oath of Office by Township Committeeman Warren Morgan.

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

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Schultz.

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

Absent- Ron Vassallo

Reorganization proceeded with selection of Chair for 2020. On motion by Mr. Joyce and 2nd by Mr. Mitchell, Jack Schultz was elected as chairman. On motion by Mr. Joyce with 2nd by Mr. Turner, Al Mitchell was elected as Vice Chairman. On motion by Mr. Mitchell and 2nd by Mr. Lorenz, Lou Joyce was selected as Secretary.

The schedule of meetings for 2020 was confirmed on motion by Mr. Mitchell with 2nd by Mr. Turner. The 2020 meetings were 1/9, 3/12, 5/14, 7/9, 9/10 and 11/12/20, with 1/14/2021 set for reorganization.

The minutes from the November 14, 2019 meeting were discussed. Minutes approved on motion by Mr. Mitchell, 2nd by Mr. Lorenz, all in favor.

Old Business:

Summary of active applications was reported that the Bell and Rieck applications were being considered by SADC and NJCF and awaiting funding. The SADC has requested a copy of the Ayars application.

a. Report from Salem CADB: No updated reported.

b. Report from SADC: No report, but copies of "SADC Partner Update" December 2019 issue were distributed.

c. Report from NJCF: No report.

d. The Township Trust Fund balance report from December 31, 2019 was reviewed. The report documented receipts for reimbursement of soft costs for Gentile of \$5,104, Sickler of \$4,397.50 and deposit of 2019 Open Space/Farmland tax of \$14,088.50. The fund balance is \$114,177.56.

The copy of the submittal of December 9, 2019 to Megan Stanley at SADC to comply with the 2021 PIG Grant application was presented, including the current Target Farms list.

New Business:

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The proposal from Scheule Planning to update the Farmland Preservation Plan was reviewed. It was determined that the amount was reasonable and that the Committee would pursue grant funding from SADC for the Plan update.

On motion by Mr. Turner and 2nd by Mr. Mitchell the Committee approved a request that the Township Committee provide up to \$2,500 matching funding to the SADC planning grant.

Upon confirmation that matching funds are available, the Committee will submit to SADC for the planning grant.

Mr. Joyce reviewed the current NJ statutes and SADC rules related to Agriculture Advisory Committees. He said that the Committee is supposed to report to the Planning Board annually. Mr. Joyce said he will send a report to the Planning Board.

Public Comment: no comments received.

Chairman Schultz announced the next meeting is scheduled for March 12, 2020.

Meeting adjourned 8:14 pm on motion of Mr. Mitchell, 2nd Mr. Lorenz and unanimously approved.

Louis C. Joyce
Secretary

Approved: March 12, 2020