

Alloway Township Agriculture Advisory Board

Minutes

March 12, 2020

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

Other present: Fran Rapa, NJCF

The minutes from the January 9, 2020 meeting were discussed. Minutes approved on motion by Mr. Mitchell, 2nd by Mr. Lorenz, all in favor.

Old Business:

The SADC has requested and received a copy of the Ayars application.

Report from Salem CADB: No update reported.

Report from SADC: No report, but details will come from Mr. Rapa per email from Katie Mazzella.

Report from NJCF: Mr. Rapa provided an update of the current funding deadline of April 3 and described the newly revised applications. He indicated he will begin working on the Bell and Rieck applications and coordinate with Kris Alexander. It was discussed if it was necessary to encumber funds for soft costs for the pending applications at this time. The Board decided to move ahead with request for funds up to \$15,000 for each application, with the amount to be adjusted after consulting with Ms. Alexander.

A motion was made by Mr. Mitchell, and 2nd by Mr. Turner to request the Township to encumber funds of up to \$15,000 for soft costs for the Bell, Edward (Richard) Rieck and Walter Rieck applications, and approved unanimously.

The Board discussed moving forward on the 2020 Township Farmland Preservation Plan update, but will wait until the Township budget is approved to apply to SADC for the matching grant funds.

The Township Trust Fund balance report from February 29, 2020 was \$114,271.16 with only activity being interest received for January and February.

New Business:

Mr. Joyce distributed copies of an application received from Omar Sickler and the mapping of the property. He indicated that it appears the property does not meet the 50% tillable minimum.

Copies of the Annual Report to the Planning Board were distributed.

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The Board discussed the current vacancy for an alternate member on the Board, and indicated options for filling the position.

Walt Turner reported that one of the Alloway Township students is an officer in the State FFA. Mr. Morgan will see that the Township Committee recognizes her.

No Public comments were received.

Meeting adjourned at 8:12pm on motion by Mr. Mitchell, with 2nd by Mr. Turner unanimously approved.

Next Meeting date is May 24, 2020

Louis C. Joyce
Secretary

Approved: July 9, 2020