

Alloway Township Agriculture Advisory Board

Minutes - DRAFT

January 14, 2021

The meeting was conducted by a Zoom virtual platform. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Schultz at 7:31pm.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Schultz.

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

Absent- Walt Turner, Kurt Sickler

Others present - Katie Mazzella, SADC, Fran Rapa, NJCF, Randall Scheule, PP, Township Planner

Committeeman Morgan administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Joyce.

Reorganization: on Motion from Mr. Mitchell with 2nd by Ms. Priore, Jack Schultz was selected as Chair for 2021 by unanimous vote.

On Motion from Ms. Priore with 2nd by Mr. Mitchell and by unanimous vote, Mr. Mitchell was selected as Vice Chair and Mr. Joyce as Secretary for 2021.

The 2021 meeting schedule, which was approved at the prior meeting, was discussed, and the Committee agreed to maintain the current schedule of the 2nd Thursday of alternate months at 7:30 PM. The 2021 meeting dates will be: 1/14, 3/11, 5/13, 7/8, 9/9, 11/11, and reorganization on January 13, 2022.

The minutes from the November 12, 2020 meeting were presented. Minutes approved on motion by Mr. Mitchell, 2nd by Mr. Lorenz, all in favor.

Old Business:

Report from Salem County CADB: no report

Report from SADC:

Ms. Mazzella provided a report on active applications. She said that appraisals for the Bell application were completed and still waiting on the Rieck reports. The County has submitted an offer to Donald and Dale Smith. The Mehaffey closing is delayed due to a survey boundary county discrepancy. Pat Ayars has accepted the offer and the title and survey work has begun. She said that SADC is hiring a new planner with the announcement on their website.

Report from NJCF:

Mr. Rapa indicated that he is continuing with NJCF until his replacement has been hired. NJCF closed on the Parave farm on December 29 and preserved 59.4 acres. He commented on continued work on the Bell and Rieck applications. He reported that an application for federal funding is due in early February and asked about any pending application ready for funding.

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Report from Township Planner:

Randall Scheule proceeded to review the second installment of the 2010 Plan that he provided to the Committee. He is updating salient aspects including population data and farm data. He said this is not a total re-write but he highlighted sections that are being updated and revised. He pointed to Chapter 4

as receiving the most updating. The Committee discussed updating the preservation goal on page 18 and looked at the Target Farms list as a guide. Mr. Scheule thanked Mr. Rapa for his assistance in updating NJCF data. Mr. Scheule also complimented Matt Goff from Salem County Planning for the map inputs.

Mr. Joyce updated the Committee on the submission to SADC of the 2022 PIG grant application and he also mentioned that the latest Township preservation map is dated November 12, 2020.

The Township Trust Fund balance report from November 30 was discussed. Township Treasurer reported that the fund received \$14,137 from the 2020 tax and has the balance at the time of the report was \$128,252.93. Mr. Joyce said that some appraisal fees had been paid since the report.

New Business:

No new business was presented.

Public Comment:

Ms. Bell stated that the appraisers had visited her property. Mr. Goss provided clarification on the acreage of his application.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm on motion by Mr. Mitchell, with 2nd by Mr. Lorenz and unanimously approved.

Next regular meeting date is March 11, 2021.

Louis C. Joyce
Secretary

Approved: DRAFT