

Alloway Township Agriculture Advisory Board

Minutes

March 10, 2022

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Mitchell at 7:30pm. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Schultz.

Roll call: present - Jack Schultz (via phone), Al Mitchell (via phone), Lou Joyce, Brian Lorenz, Kurt Sickler, John Blankenship, Warren Morgan.

Absent- Walt Turner,

Others present – Katie Mazzella, SADC

The minutes from the January 13, 2022 meeting were presented. Minutes approved on motion by Mr. Lorenz, 2nd by Mr. Schultz, all in favor.

Old Business:

A call was held with Steve Bruder, SADC to discuss the mapping and coordination with the draft Salem County Farmland Preservation Plan. He said that the original Township map identified areas where the County project area did not cover. The County now includes all areas of the ADA and asked if the Township would expand its project area to coincide with the County map. He offered to have SADC staff do a mapping analysis of 10 acre parcels. The Committee wanted to wait to see the impact before moving to modify the Township project area.

Report from Salem County, Kris said she is working on grant agreements.

Report from SADC, Ms. Mazzella said that the Rieck and Bell properties are submitted for approval, to NRCS and expect a 30 day title and legal reviews. Have submitted Smith farm for closing review. Have an application from Kirk Horner on 129 acres and have submitted offer to Farrow. She confirmed that the Township's PIG Grant balance is \$528,254 from the FY17-20 allocation but the Township did not receive any additional allocation from the FY22 award round.

The Township Trust Fund balance report indicated that current encumbrances have reduced the available fund balance to \$56,796 of the \$116,456.98 in the fund.

New Business: After discussion and on motion by Mr. Mitchell, 2nd by Mr. Lorenz the Committee voted to proceed on the applications for the Pierce and Goss properties for preservation. Vote was unanimous.

Public Comment: Mr. Rieck commented on the Smith farm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:27 pm on motion by Mr. Lorenz, with 2nd by Mr. Mitchell and unanimously approved.

Louis C. Joyce
Secretary

Adopted: May 12, 2022