

CHESTER COUNTY AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION BOARD

July 28, 2015 MINUTES

1. Call to Order –

Chairman Melba Matthews called the July 28, 2015 meeting of the Agricultural Land Preservation Board (ALPB) to order at 1:59 p.m. in Room 170, GSC.

The following Board Members were in attendance: Melba Matthews, Chairperson; Richard Abbott; Donald Cairns; Mark Dunphy; Amy McKenna; Bill Covaleski; and Eli Silberman.

Staff: William Gladden, Director; Tom Abrahamsen, Solicitor; Geoffrey Shellington; Veronica Protesto; and Annette Bethke.

Absent: John Diament, Mark Dunphy, Duane Hershey

2. Public Comment -

No public comment.

3. Approval of Minutes – May 26, 2015

The Board meeting minutes were approved as sent. Motion made by Donald Cairns, seconded by Eli Silberman. Motion carried.

4. State Agricultural Conservation Easement Program – Status Report

2012 Round – 50% Donation

#1 Pannell, Bootsie	-----	Offer Accepted – Londonderry Township
#4 Pannell Revocable Trust	-----	Offer Accepted – Londonderry Township

2013 Round

#55 King, Levi and Emma	-----	Offer Accepted – West Sadsbury Township
#58 Shantz Family	-----	Offer Accepted – East Vincent Township

2014 Round

#1 Tighe Family	-----	Offer Accepted, settle soon – East Nottingham Township
#2 Stoltzfus, Chester and Rebecca	-----	Offer Accepted – Honey Brook Township
# 4 Martin, Noah and Rachel	-----	Offer Accepted, settle soon – Honey Brook Township
#5 Kollé, John	-----	Offer Accepted – Warwick Township
#7 Beam, Nelson and Marilyn	-----	Offer Accepted, settle soon – West Nantmeal Township
#9 Subach, Beth	-----	Offer Accepted – West Nottingham Township
#10 Herr Foods, Inc.	-----	Offer Accepted – West Nottingham Township
#14 Lapp, Samuel and Barbara	-----	Offer Accepted – Honey Brook Township
#23 Stoltzfus, Steven and Sylvia	-----	Offer Accepted – East Nottingham Township
#24 Brown Partnership #3	-----	Offer Accepted – Lower Oxford Township
#25 Mower, Cory and Megan	-----	Offer Accepted – North/South Coventry Twps
#36 Brown Partnership #2	-----	Offer Accepted – Upper Oxford Township
#38 Elvin, Roger	-----	Offer Accepted – Newlin & East Marlborough Townships

2015 Round

Warwick Yoder LP	-----	Board Review, second appraisal – Warwick Township
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5. Challenge Grant Program – Status Report

2014 Round

#33 Klotzbach, Frederick and Elizabeth	-----	Offer Accepted – London Grove Township
#41 Elliot, Ronald	-----	Offer Accepted – East Coventry Township
### Kulp, Edward	-----	Board Review – North Coventry Township

6. Updates and Other Business –

- Bill Gladden reported the result of his inquiry to the State Bureau of Farmland Preservation as to whether or not the State budget impasse would impact Commonwealth funds pledged to Chester County for farmland preservation. He was told it would not. The Board will be advised if new information comes to light or if the situation changes.
- Geoff Shellington reported that the easement purchase deadline is August 3 and as of the meeting date of July 28 we have received 72 applications totaling 3,759 acres. . Bill Gladden explained that outreach efforts by the Board, staff, and extensive follow up with landowners contributed to this large amount of applications.

7. Executive Session –

- Appraisals (2)

8. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 2:24 p.m. Motion to adjourn made by Richard Abbott, seconded by Donald Cairns. Motion carried.

9. Next Meeting – August 25, 2015 at 2:00 PM, room 170, GSC.