

CHESTER COUNTY AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION BOARD
JANUARY 26, 2016 MINUTES

1. Call to Order –

Chairman Melba Matthews called the January 26, 2016 meeting of the Agricultural Land Preservation Board (BOARD) to order at 2:09 p.m. in Room 170, GSC.

The following Board Members were in attendance: Melba Matthews, Chairman; Duane Hershey; Amy McKenna; Bill Covaleski; and Eli Silberman.

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

Absent: Richard Abbott, Donald Cairns, John Diament, and Mark Dunphy

Visitors: None

2. Public Comment -

No public comment.

3. Approval of Minutes – December 15, 2015

The Board meeting minutes were approved as sent. Motion made by Amy McKenna, seconded by Bill Covaleski. Motion carried.

4. State Agricultural Conservation Easement Program – Status Report

2012 Round – 50% Donation

Pannell, Bootsie

----- Offer Accepted – Londonderry Township

Pannell Revocable Trust

----- Offer Accepted – Londonderry Township

2014 Round

Elvin, Roger

----- Settlement Complete – Newlin/East Marlborough Townships

Stoltzfus, Ben

----- Board Review – Honey Brook Township

King, Omar

----- Offer Extended – West Caln Township

2015 Round

Brown Partnership #1

----- Offer Accepted – New London Township

McDowell, Elizabeth

----- Offer Accepted – New London Township

Jones, Pownall

----- Offer Extended – New Garden Township

King, Clair

----- Offer Extended – Upper Oxford Township

Breckbill, Richard

----- Board Review – Upper/Lower Oxford Townships

Bush #1

----- Board Review – W. Fallowfield Township

Bush #2

----- Board Review – W. Fallowfield Township

Coates, Eric

----- Board Review – E. Nottingham Township

Manfredi, Rocco

----- Board Review – New Garden Township

Miller Farm LP

----- Board Review – W. Nantmeal Township

Stoltzfus, Isaac

----- Board Review – Honey Brook Township

5. Challenge Grant Program – Status Report

2014 Round

Kulp, Edward

----- Offer accepted – North Coventry Township

2015 Round

Pyle, Thomas

----- Offer Extended – Warwick Township

6. Updates and Other Business –

- Geoff Shellington thanked all who were able to make it to the meeting considering the snow. It will be great to get the offers out as soon as we can. Amy McKenna thanked Geoff for staying on top of the applications.
- Bill Gladden reported on Honey Brook's Open Space Committee's annual breakfast, which he and Geoff attended. Brandywine Conservancy also attended. There was a great turn out by farmers, some whose farms were already preserved, some who wished to learn about the program, and some who brought financial advisors with them.
- Bill Gladden reported the Commissioners will go forward with their annual certification due in Harrisburg at the end of January. The Commissioners are authorizing \$4.65 million for the program, which is the same amount as last year.

7. Executive Session –

- Legal Matters: Compliance (1)
- Real Estate: Appraisals (8)

8. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 3:48 p.m. Motion to adjourn made by Duane Hershey, seconded by Bill Covaleski. Motion carried.

9. Next Meeting – February 23 at 2:00 PM, room 170, GSC.