

# CHESTER COUNTY AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION BOARD

## January 24, 2017

### 1. Call to Order

Chairwoman Melba Matthews called the January 24, 2017 meeting of the Agricultural Land Preservation Board (BOARD) to order at 2:07 p.m. in Room 170, Chester County Government Services Center.

The following board members were in attendance: Duane Hershey, Melba Matthews, Eli Silberman, Richard Abbott, and Amy McKenna.

Staff: Bill Gladden, Geoffrey Shellington, Veronica Protesto, Mirissia Eggerton and Alicia Lyons.

Absent: Donald Cairns, John Diament, Mark Dunphy, Bill Covalesski

Visitors: None

### 2. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

### 3. Approval of Minutes – December 20, 2016

The Board meeting minutes for December 20, 2016 were approved as sent. Motion made by Richard Abbott, seconded by Duane Hershey. Motion carried.

### 4. State Ag. Easement Program - Status Report

#### 2012 Round – 50% Donation

Pannell, Bootsie – Offer Accepted - Londonderry Township

Pannell – Revocable Trust – Offer Accepted – Londonderry Township

#### 2014 Round

King, Omar – Settlement Scheduled – West Caln Township

Stoltzfus, Ben – Settled Easement – Honey Brook Township

#### 2015 Round

Balick, Marc – Offer Accepted – Elk Township

Black, Daniel – Offer Accepted – West Fallowfield Township

Breckbill, Richard – Settled Easement – Upper/Lower Oxford Townships

Brown Partnership #1 – Offer Accepted – New London Township

Bush #1 – settled Easement – W. Fallowfield Township

Bush #2 – Settled Easement – W. Fallowfield Township

Cohen, Ronald – Settled Easement- East Nottingham Township

Harpham, Elizabeth – Offer Extended – Highland Township

Hawthorne, Judson & Stayce – Offer Accepted – West Fallowfield Township

Jones, Pownall – Offer Extended – New Garden Township

Kauffman, Levi – Settled Easement – Honey Brook Township

King, Clair – Settled Easement – Upper Oxford Township

Leis, Walter – Settled Easement – East Nottingham Township

Manfredi, Rocco #1 – Settlement Scheduled – New Garden Township

Manfredi, Rocco #2 – Offer Accepted – West Marlborough Township

McDowell, Elizabeth – Settled Easement – New London Township

Miller Farm LP – Offer Accepted – W. Nantmeal Township

Miller, John – Settled Easement – East Nottingham Township

Pearson, Dean – Offer Extended – West Nottingham Township

Richardson, Dean – Offer Accepted – West Marlborough Township  
Ryan, James – Settled Easement – West Marlborough Township  
Stoltzfus, David – Settled Easement – Honey Brook Township  
Stoltzfus, Gideon – Settlement Scheduled – W. Brandywine Township  
Stoltzfus, Isaac – Settled Easement – Honey Brook Township  
Stoltzfus, Sam and Marian – Offer Accepted – Highland Township  
**Trammell, George – Board Review – Pennsbury Township**  
Vanderhoef, John – Offer Extended – East Nottingham Township  
White Clay Farms – Settled Easement – East Marlborough Township  
Wylie, William – Settled Easement – West Marlborough Township

#### **2016 Round**

**Astle, Art – Offer Extended – East Nottingham Township**  
Boxler, Josephine – Offer Accepted – Franklin Township  
Buchanan, Edward – Offer Accepted – Elk Township  
Harnish, Lamar – Offer Accepted – East Nottingham Township  
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**Lapp, Melvin – Offer Extended – West Fallowfield Township**

#### **5. Challenge Grant Program – Status Report (if needed)**

#### **2014 Round**

Kulp, Edward – Settled Easement – North Coventry Township

#### **2015 Round**

Barnard Orchards – Settled Easement – Newlin Township  
Henshaw – Offer Extended – London Grove Township  
**Pyle, Thomas – Settlement Scheduled – Warwick Township**

#### **6. Updates and Other Business**

Bill Gladden reported that the County Commissioner's approved \$4,152,571.00 as the County's certification for the 2017 Commonwealth Farmland Preservation Program. This is consistent with recent years as \$4,500,000.00 was certified in 2016. We expect to receive \$3,000,000.00 to \$3,500,000.00 in 2017 farmland preservation funding from the Commonwealth as a result. We expect to know the Commonwealth's exact contribution, which depends on the approval of their budget, by the end of February.

#### **7. Executive Session**

- Real Estate: (1)

#### **8. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 2:21 p.m. Motion to adjourn made by Eli Silberman, seconded by Richard Abbott.  
Motion carried.

#### **9. Next Meeting – February 28, 2017 at 2:00 PM - GSC – Room 250**