

CHESTER COUNTY AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION BOARD

February 28, 2017

1. Call to Order

Chairwoman Melba Matthews called the February 28, 2017 meeting of the Agricultural Land Preservation Board (ALPB) to order at 2:02 p.m. in Room 250, Chester County Government Service Center.

The following Board Members were in attendance: Donald Cairns, Richard Abbott, Eli Silberman and Bill Covaleski.

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

2. Public Comment

There was no public comment

3. Approval of Minutes – January 24, 2017

The board meeting minutes from January 24, 2017 were approved as sent. Motion made by Bill Covaleski, seconded by Eli Silberman. 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

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 – Offer Accepted– Pennsbury Township

Vanderhoef, John – Offer Declined – 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
Clark, William – Board Review – Upper Oxford Township
Fisher, Christian – Board Review – Elk Township
Hamilton, James – Board Review – West Fallowfield Township
Harnish, Lamar – Offer Accepted – East Nottingham Township
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Lapp, Melvin – Offer Accepted – West Fallowfield Township
Schulz, Robert – Board Review – Franklin Township
Stoltzfus, Christian – Board Review – Honey Brook 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

- a. We received notice that an appeal has been filed in the Arborganics case. We will report the status of the case to the Board as it progresses when there is new information to share.
- b. We plan to have six appraisals at the March meeting and a similar number over the following months. As the quantity of appraisals taper off, in May or June, we plan to share short presentations on other aspects of the farmland preservation program with an initial focus on conservation planning and enforcement. The presentations will last for approximately 10 minutes and will be followed by questions and answers.
- c. There was discussion regarding the desire to see larger farms offered for preservation as well as the status of outreach and education efforts being used to promote the program.
- d. Geoff Shellington accepted an invitation to a meeting of the Newlin Township's Open Space Committee meeting as they familiarize themselves with opportunities to partner with the County on farmland preservation.

7. Executive Session

Real Estate: Appraisals (5)

8. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 2:33 p.m. Motion to adjourn made by Richard Abbott, seconded by Don Cairns. Motion carried.

9. Next Meeting – March 28, 2017 at 2:00 PM in Room 250 – GSC