

CHESTER COUNTY AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION BOARD

April 25, 2017

1. Call to Order

Chairwoman Melba Matthews called the April 25, 2017 meeting of the Agricultural Land Preservation Board (ALPB) to order at 2:01p.m., in room 170 Chester County Government Service Center.

The following Board Members were in attendance: Melba Matthews, Donald Cairns, Bill Covaleski, Amy McKenna and Eli Silberman.

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

2. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

3. Approval of Minutes – March 28, 2017

The board meeting minutes from March 28, 2017 were approved as sent. Motion made by Eli Silberman, seconded by Bill Covaleski. Motion Carried.

4. Subdivision Requests (2)

Jesse Stoltzfus is the landowner of 66.04 acre eased farm in Honey Brook Township. He would like to subdivide off 12 acres for a family member who is currently farming the property with him. They intend to keep farming the row crops and use the pasture for sheep. The 12 acre subdivision would include the easements 2 acre house right.

Paul Mann, Kenneth Mann, Mary Carr, and Jennifer Yohn are the landowners of a 51.56 acre farm in Highland Township. They would like to subdivide off 10 acres for a family member who intends to lease the land to the farmer who is currently farming the entire property. The 10 acre subdivision would include the easements 2 acre house right. Veronica stated that the landowners are willing to increase the subdivision to 12 acres.

The board members decided to table the subdivision requests until the May 23, 2017 meeting.

5. 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 – Settled Easement – 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 Declined – East Nottingham Township
Boxler, Josephine – Offer Accepted – Franklin Township
Buchanan, Edward – Offer Accepted – Elk Township
Clark, William – Offer Accepted – Upper Oxford Township
Fisher, Christian – Offer Accepted – Elk Township
Hamilton, James – Offer Accepted – West Fallowfield Township
Harnish, Lamar – Offer Accepted – East Nottingham Township
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King, Elam – Board Review – Upper Oxford
Lapp, Ben and Mary – Board Review – Honey Brook
Lapp, Melvin – Offer Accepted – West Fallowfield Township
Meister, Carl – Board Review – West Bradford Township
Schulz, Robert – Offer Accepted – Franklin Township
Stoltzfus, Christian – Board Review – Honey Brook Township
Westlake Land Company – Board Review – Honey Brook Township

6. Challenge Grant Program –Status Report

2015 Round

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

2016 Round

Sheppard, Jonathan – Board Review – London Grove Township

7. Updates and Other Business

All board members and staff are invited to attend the Buck and Doe Trust Spring Fling Event on May 22, 2017. Veronica Protesto is doing a presentation about monitoring at the May 23, 2017 board meeting. She will provide data on 25 acre or under farms that are under agricultural easement, per the board request.

8. Executive Session

Real Estate: Appraisals (4)

9. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 2:51 p.m. Motion to adjourn made by Eli Silberman, seconded by Amy McKenna. Motion carried.

10. Next Meeting – May 23, 2017 at 2:00 PM in Room 250 – GSC