

CHESTER COUNTY AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION BOARD

August 22, 2017

1. Call to Order

Vice Chairman Donald Cairns called the August 22, 2017 meeting of the Agricultural Land Preservation Board (ALPB) to order at 2:00 pm, in room 175, Chester County Government Services Center.

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

Staff: William Gladden, Geoff Shellington, Mason Gilbert, Veronica Protesto, and Linda Williams.

2. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

3. Approval of Minutes

The Board meeting minutes from July 25, 2017 were approved. Motioned by Rick Abbott, Bill Covaleski seconds. Motion Carries.

4. State Ag Easement Status

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

Harpham, Elizabeth – Offer Extended – Highland Township

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

Pearson, Dean – Offer Accepted – West Nottingham Township

Stoltzfus, Sam and Marian – Offer Accepted – Highland Township

2016 Round

Boxler, Josephine – Offer Accepted – Franklin Township
Buchanan, Edward – Settled Easement – Elk Township
Clark, William – Offer Accepted – Upper Oxford Township
Decker, Lisa – Offer Accepted – West Nantmeal Township
Elston, Gary – Offer Accepted – West Nantmeal Township
Esch, John – Offer Extended – West Caln Township
Fisher, Christian – Offer Accepted – Elk Township
Hamilton, James – Offer Accepted – West Fallowfield Township
Handy, William – Offer Accepted – Valley Township
Harnish, Lamar – Offer Accepted – East Nottingham Township
Hutchison Farms – Offer Accepted – Penn Township
King, Elam – Offer Accepted – Upper Oxford
King, Marvin – Offer Accepted – New London Township
Lapp, Ben and Mary – Offer Accepted – Honey Brook
Lapp, Melvin – Offer Accepted – West Fallowfield Township
McElhenny, David – Offer Extended- Honey Brook Township
Meister, Carl – Offer Extended – West Bradford Township
Neal, Frank – Board Review – West Caln Township
Newswanger, Larry – Offer Accepted – Sadsbury Township
Schulz, Robert – Offer Accepted – Franklin Township
Stoltzfus, Christian – Offer Extended – Honey Brook Township
Umble, Ken – Offer Accepted – West Sadsbury Township
Walton Farms – Board Review – West Fallowfield Township
Westlake Land Company – Offer Extended – Honey Brook Township

5. Challenge Grant Program – Status Report

Sheppard, Jonathan – Offer Declined – London Grove Township

6. Executive Session

Real Estate: Appraisals (1)

7. Updates and Other Business

Veronica Protesto, Stewardship Coordinator, gave a presentation on Conservation Planning and discussed how the laws changed in 2006 and are less restrictive. The Board agreed to continue the discussion at the September meeting.

Geoff Shellington, Agricultural Programs Coordinator, discussed the 146 applications that the Open Space Preservation team ranked. Nine of the applications are over 100 acres and three are over 200 acres. Also, 22 applications are in townships that partner. Geoff requested approval from the Board to move forward with the top 25 applicants and to contact their townships. Eli Silberman motioned, Rick Abbott seconds the motion. Motion Carries.

8. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 3:09 pm. Duane Hershey motions, Rick Abbott seconds the motion. Motion carries.

9. Next Meeting – September 26, 2017 at 2:00 PM in Room 175 – GSC