

**CHESTER COUNTY  
AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION BOARD  
MINUTES**

**January 23, 2018 at 2:00 PM - GSC – Room 175**

**1. Call to Order**

Chairwoman Melba Matthews called the January 23, 2018 meeting of the Agricultural Land Preservation Board (ALPB) to order at 1:59 pm, in room 175, Chester County Government Services Center.

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

Staff: Geoff Shellington, Mason Gilbert, Margaret Hodgkiss-Lilly, and Linda Williams.

**2. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**3. Approval of Minutes**

The Board meeting minutes from December 19, 2017 were approved. Motioned by Don Cairns, Richard Abbott seconds. Motion Carries.

**4. State Ag Easement Status**

**2015 Round**

Hawthorne, Judson & Stayce – Offer Accepted – West Fallowfield Township  
Pearson, Dean – Offer Accepted – West Nottingham Township

**2016 Round**

Fisher, Christian – Offer Accepted – Elk Township  
Handy, William – Offer Accepted – Valley Township  
Hutchison Farms – Offer Accepted – Penn Township  
McElhenny, David – Offer Accepted – Honey Brook Township  
Meister, Carl – Offer Extended – West Bradford Township  
Neal, Frank – Offer Accepted – West Caln Township  
Newswanger, Larry – Offer Accepted – Sadsbury Township  
Schulz, Robert – Offer Accepted – Franklin Township  
Stoltzfus, Christian – Offer Accepted – Honey Brook Township  
Umble, Ken – Offer Accepted – West Sadsbury Township  
Walton Farms – Offer Accepted – West Fallowfield Township  
**Westlake Land Company – Settled Easement – Honey Brook Township**

## 2017 Round

**Buchanan, Sherry – Board Review – Elk Township**

**Glenroy & Glenknockie – Board Review – Lower Oxford, East and West Nottingham Townships**

**L&T Landholdings – Offer Extended – Penn Township**

Helferrich, William – Offer Extended – Warwick Township

**Moore, James – Offer Extended – East Nantmeal Township**

**Reyburn, Holly #1 – Offer Extended – Upper Oxford Township**

**Reyburn, Holly #2 – Offer Extended – Upper Oxford Township**

**Roberts, Ken – Offer Extended – London Britain Township**

**Rohrer, Gerald – Board Review – Upper Oxford Township**

**Stoltzfus, Benuel – Offer Extended – West Caln Township**

**Stoltzfus, Henry & Sadie – Board Review – Honey Brook Township**

**Stoltzfus, John et al – Offer Extended – Franklin Township**

**Trzcinski/Camphill – Offer Extended – West Vincent Township**

**Waltz, David – Board Review – West Fallowfield Township**

### **5. Challenge Grant Program – Status Report**

None

### **6. Executive Session**

Real Estate: Appraisals (5)

### **7. Updates and Other Business**

Don Cairns suggested waiting to continue the discussion regarding Conservation Plans until after the Stewardship Coordinator position is filled. Don Cairns made a motion to retroactively suspend the need to do 10 year Conservation Plan updates if farming practices remain the same, and no violations are observed. This will coincide with the State's ruling to retroactively suspend the 10 year conservation plan update requirement. Richard Abbott seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Margaret Hodgkiss-Lilly, Stewardship Coordinator, presented a proposal from Michael Peters, the current landowner of the Tuel and Tingle Easement in Newlin Township, for a new 2 acre house right. The Board suggested Margaret Hodgkiss-Lilly and Geoff Shellington come up with a more viable spot to build the house. Margaret and Geoff will propose several options and present them to the landowner.

### **8. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 3:01 pm. Eli Silberman motions, Richard Abbott seconds the motion. Motion carries.

### **9. Next Meeting – February 27, 2018 at 2:00 PM in Room 250 – GSC**