

**CHESTER COUNTY
AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION BOARD
MINUTES**

February 27, 2018 at 2:00 PM - GSC – Room 250

1. Call to Order

Chairwoman Melba Matthews called the February 27, 2018 meeting of the Agricultural Land Preservation Board (ALPB) to order at 2:03 pm, in room 250, Chester County Government Services Center.

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

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

2. Public Comment

Public comment included in Utilization of House Right.

3. Utilization of House Right– Michael and Rose Peters (Tuel and Tingle Farm) – Newlin Township

Michael and Rose Peters presented their desired location for the additional residential structure. Mr. Peters explained that the placement of the house will not harm the economic viability of the land. The house, driveway, well, and septic will all be located within the required 2 acre curtilage. The Peters demonstrated their dedication to land stewardship with a slide show documenting debris cleanup over the past 2 ½ years. Mr. Peters mentioned more than 1,200 pounds of debris was removed from the property in preparation for planting crops. Motion to approve the additional house right location for Michael and Rose Peters (formerly Tuel and Tingle Easement) was made by Richard Abbott, seconded by Amy McKenna. Motion carried.

4. Approval of Minutes

The Board meeting minutes from January 23, 2018 were approved. Motioned by Bill Covaleski, Don Cairns seconds. Motion Carries.

5. State Ag Easement Status

2015 Round

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

Pearson, Dean – Settled Easement – West Nottingham Township

2016 Round

Fisher, Christian – Settled Easement – 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 – Settled Easement – 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

Astle, Arthur – Board Review – Lower Oxford Township

Buchanan, Sherry – Offer Accepted – Elk Township

Glenroy & Glenknockie – Offer Extended – Lower Oxford, East and West Nottingham Townships

L&T Landholdings – Offer Extended – Penn Township

Helfferich, William – Offer Accepted – Warwick Township

Moore, James – Offer Accepted – East Nantmeal Township

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

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

Roberts, Ken – Offer Accepted – London Britain Township

Rohrer, Gerald – Offer Extended – Upper Oxford Township

Stoltzfus, Benuel – Offer Accepted – West Caln Township

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

Stoltzfus, John et al – Offer Accepted – Franklin Township

Stoltzfus, Jonas & Lizzie – Board Review – Honey Brook Township

Trzcinski/Camphill – Offered Extended – West Vincent Township

Waltz, David – Offer Extended – West Fallowfield Township

Werner, John – Board Review – West Nantmeal Township

6. Challenge Grant Program – Status Report

None

7. Executive Session

Real Estate: Appraisals (4)

8. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 2:58 pm. Eli Silberman motions, Don Cairns seconds the motion. Motion carries.

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