1. Call to Order –
Chairman Melba Matthews called the June 24, 2014 meeting of the Agricultural Land Preservation Board (ALPB) to order at 6:35 p.m. in Suite 270, GSC.

The following Board Members were in attendance: Melba Matthews, Chairperson; Rick Abbott, Don Cairns, Mark Dunphy, and Eli Silberman.
Staff: Bill Gladden, Director, Tom Abrahamson, Solicitor, Diana Hoopes, Geoffrey Shellington, and Kimberly Gordon.
Absent: John Diament, Duane Hershey, Amy McKenna, and Judy Noyalas.
Visitors: None

2. Public Comment –
There was no public comment

3. Approval of Minutes – May 27, 2014
The Board meeting minutes were approved as sent. Motion made by Rick Abbott, seconded by Eli Silberman. Motion carried.

4. Subdivision Request – Craig Stoltzfus Farm - West Nantmeal
Mr. Shellington led the discussion by noting that Craig Stoltzfus and his family have three contiguous easements of 122.28, 87.05, and 21.02 acres. Mr. Stoltzfus is requesting that the Board approve a subdivision of the 21.02 acre easement into 2 lots. A 10 acre lot would be sold with the house right, and the 11 acre lot would be annexed to the larger Stoltzfus easements. He has a tentative agreement with a buyer who wishes to set up a horse boarding and training facility. The Board expressed concern that 10 acres would be large enough to sustain agriculture, and also with the placement of access to the residential and agricultural buildings.

After a discussion, the Board agreed to postpone the decision on the subdivision request, and directed staff to invite Mr. Stoltzfus to attend a Board meeting to answer questions and concerns. Motion by Eli Silberman, second by Don Cairns. Motion carried.

5. State Agricultural Conservation Easement Program – Status Report

2011 Round
#17 Conway, Anne ----- Offer Accepted – Highland Township
#33 Mangus, Anthony and Karen ----- Offer Accepted – Lower Oxford Township

2012 Round
#14 Horst, Nelson and Joanne ----- Commonwealth Approved – Upper Oxford Twp
#21 McCammon Trust ----- Commonwealth Approved – Upper Oxford Twp
#24 Hoopes, Naomi
----- Offer Accepted – Penn Township

#35 BK Campbell #2
----- Offer Accepted – Elk Township

#38 Lofting Trust
----- Offer Accepted – West Marlborough Township

#42 Strine, Derek
----- Offer Accepted – West Marlborough Township

#50 Stoltzfus, Benjamin and Katie
----- Settled 5/30/14 – Sadsbury Township

#53 Stoltzfus, Nathan and Patricia
----- Offer Accepted – Honey Brook Township

#54 Mast, Keith and Melinda
----- Offer Accepted – Honey Brook Township

#57 Stoltzfus, Gideon and Rose Marie
----- Offer Accepted – Honey Brook Township

#64 Wilson Family
----- Offer Accepted – Lower Oxford Township

**2012 Round – 50% Donation**

#1 Pannell, Bootsie
----- Offer Accepted – Londonderry Township

#4 Pannell Revocable Trust
----- Offer Accepted – Londonderry Township

#6 Cooper, David and Sharon
----- Commonwealth Approved – Franklin Township

**2013 Round**

#5A Stoltzfus, John and Priscilla #2
----- Board Review – Honey Brook Township

#7 Stoltzfus, Daniel and Rebecca #2
----- Offer Accepted – Honey Brook Township

#13 Esh/Yoder
----- Commonwealth Approved – Highland Township

#20 Sellers, Kenneth
----- Offer Accepted – East Marlborough Township

#22 Barnes, Brendan
----- Commonwealth Approved – Londonderry Twp

#37 Stoltzfus, Samuel and Ruth
----- Offer Accepted – Honey Brook Township

#45 Griest Family
----- Offer Extended – West Nantmeal Township

#48 Henry, Leslie and Madeleine
----- Offer Rejected – West Sadsbury Township

#51 Stoltzfus, Benuel and Emma
----- Offer Accepted – West Nottingham Township

#53 Castaldi, LP
----- Offer Accepted – West Brandywine Township

#54 Yoder, Daniel and Hannah
----- Offer Extended – East Nottingham Township

#55 King, Levi and Emma
----- Offer Accepted – West Sadsbury Township

#56 King, Abner and Mary
----- Board Review – Honey Brook Township

#58 Shantz Family
----- Offer Accepted – East Vincent Township

#59 OLM LLC
----- Offer Extended – Franklin/New London Twps

#62 Gawryls Family
----- Board Review – South Coventry Township

6. **Challenge Grant Program – Status Report**

**2011 Round**

#60 Oxford Gun Club
----- Offer Accepted – Elk Township

#70 King, Wilson
----- Offer Accepted – Elk Township

#78 Stoltzfus, Emanuel and Emma
----- Board Review – Honey Brook Township
2012 Round

#2 Mark Family Trust ----- Offer Accepted – London Grove Township

2013 Round

#6 Hendriks, Richard ----- Offer Accepted – East Fallowfield Township
#8 Kauffman, Benjamin and Anna ----- Offer Accepted – West Fallowfield Township
#38 Wright, Eric and Dawn ----- Offer Accepted – West Nantmeal Township

7. Updates and Other Business –
Mr. Gladden noted that an information letter had been sent to county landowners who are eligible for the agricultural land preservation programs, inviting them to learn more about the programs and the application process. Staff has fielded calls from prospective easement owners, and several visits have been made to eligible farms.

Mr. Gladden also announced the 25th anniversary of the farmland preservation program, with a cake made for the occasion. Memories were shared by Board and staff.

8. Executive Session–
• Appraisals (4)

9. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m. Motion to adjourn made by Don Cairns seconded by Eli Silberman. Motion carried.

10. Next Meeting – July 22, 2014 at 6:30 PM