

CHESTER COUNTY AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION BOARD  
AUGUST 25, 2015 MINUTES

**1. Call to Order –**

Secretary Duane Hershey called the August 25, 2015 meeting of the Agricultural Land Preservation Board (ALPB) to order at 2:07 p.m. in Room 170, GSC.

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

Staff: William Gladden, Director; Tom Abrahamsen, Solicitor; Geoffrey Shellington; Veronica Protesto; Margaret Hodgkiss-Lilly; and Annette Bethke.

Absent: Melba Matthews, John Diament, and Mark Dunphy

**2. Public Comment -**

No public comment.

**3. Approval of Minutes – July 28, 2015**

The Board meeting minutes were approved as sent. Motion made by Richard Abbott, seconded by Donald Cairns. Motion carried.

**4. Subdivision Requests -**

**Timothy Wickes**

Margaret Hodgkiss-Lilly presented the proposal for subdivision of the Timothy Wickes Farm. The Wickes Farm was originally eased under the state program with a total acreage of 128.801. The farm has been subdivided once and 50 acres sold to Roy Jackson with no house right and a 1.769 acre exception with a house on it. Mr. Wickes is requesting that the Board approve another subdivision in order to sell 23 more acres to Roy Jackson. Lot 1 would consist of 50 acres with a 3.881 acre exception area and no house right. Lot 2 would consist of 23 acres with a pond and house right and sold to Roy Jackson.

After a discussion, the Board accepted Timothy Wickes' request to subdivide the current 123.152 acres eased property into two lots, Lot 1 of 50 acres with a 3.881 exception area and no house right; lot 2 of 23 acres with a pond and house right, and to submit the request to the State Board for their approval.

Motion by Eli Silberman, seconded by Richard Abbot. Motion carried.

**5. State Agricultural Conservation Easement Program – Status Report**

**2012 Round – 50% Donation**

#1 Pannell, Bootsie	----	Offer Accepted – Londonderry Township
#4 Pannell Revocable Trust	----	Offer Accepted – Londonderry Township

**2013 Round**

#55 King, Levi and Emma	----	Offer Accepted – West Sadsbury Township
#58 Shantz Family	----	Offer Accepted – East Vincent Township

**2014 Round**

#1 Tigue Family	----	Offer Accepted, settle soon – East Nottingham Township
#2 Stoltzfus, Chester and Rebecca	----	Offer Accepted – Honey Brook Township
# 4 Martin, Noah and Rachel	----	Settlement complete – Honey Brook Township
#5 Kolle, John	----	Offer Accepted – Warwick Township
#7 Beam, Nelson and Marilyn	----	Settlement complete – West Nantmeal Township

#9 Subach, Beth	-----	Offer Accepted, approved by Commonwealth – West Nottingham Township
#10 Herr Foods, Inc.	-----	Offer Accepted – West Nottingham Township
#14 Lapp, Samuel and Barbara	-----	Offer Accepted – Honey Brook Township
#23 Stoltzfus, Steven and Sylvia	-----	Settlement scheduled – East Nottingham Township
#24 Brown Partnership #3	-----	Offer Accepted – Lower Oxford Township
#25 Mower, Cory and Megan	-----	Offer Accepted – North/South Coventry Twps
#36 Brown Partnership #2	-----	Offer Accepted – Upper Oxford Township
#38 Elvin, Roger	-----	Offer Accepted – Newlin & East Marlborough Townships

**2015 Round**

Warwick Yoder LP	-----	Offer accepted, second appraisal – Warwick Township
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**6. Challenge Grant Program – Status Report**

**2014 Round**

#33 Klotzbach, Frederick and Elizabeth	-----	Offer Accepted – London Grove Township
#41 Elliot, Ronald	-----	Offer Accepted – East Coventry Township
### Kulp, Edward	-----	Offer extended – North Coventry Township

**7. Updates and Other Business –**

- Geoff Shellington reported that close to 100 Ag easement applications were received and have been divided among staff for ranking. He anticipates having ranking completed by the September meeting. Currently there are no action items expected for the September meeting agenda. Geoff requested a motion to cancel the September meeting provided no action items develop. In addition he requested that with the cancellation of the September meeting staff be allowed to begin contacting townships regarding funding and landowners to solicit appraisals starting with the highest ranking farms. The farms would be presented to the Board at the October meeting. Bill Gladden reported that we hope to be able to fund 10-13 farms from the current application period. Numbers will depend greatly on the availability of township/partnership and state funding and appraised values. The County Commissioners have given permission to move forward with appraisals.

Donald Cairns moved that the Board approve staff begin soliciting appraisal deposits and commission the work without Board presentation of the applications. Amy McKenna seconded. Motion carried.

**8. Executive Session –**

- Appraisals (1)

**9. Adjournment** – Meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m. Motion to adjourn made by Richard Abbott, seconded by Amy McKenna. Motion carried.

**10. Next Meeting** – October 27, 2015 at 2:00 PM, room 170, GSC.