

CHESTER COUNTY AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION BOARD  
MAY 24, 2016 MINUTES

**1. Call to Order –**

Chairwoman Melba Matthews called the May 24, 2016 meeting of the Agricultural Land Preservation Board (Board) to order at 2:01 p.m. in Room 250, GSC.

The following Board Members were in attendance: Melba Matthews; Chairwoman, Donald Cairns, Bill Covaleski, Mark Dunphy, Amy McKenna, and Eli Silberman.

Staff: Bill Gladden, Geoffrey Shellington, Veronica Protesto, Margaret Hodgkiss-Lilly and Cathy Helmuth. Absent: Richard Abbott, John Diament and Duane Hershey

Visitors: Kimberly P. Venzie of Unruh, Turner, Burke & Frees, Special Counsel for Chester County.

One member of the general public was present- Sally Schwartz of North Coventry.

**2. Public Comment:**

Staff, members of the Board, Ms. Schwartz, and Kimberly Venzie introduced themselves.

No public comment was made. Chairwoman Matthews then noted that the board was going in to executive session to discuss legal and real estate matters.

**3. Executive Session:**

- Legal
- Real Estate: Appraisals (1)

Melba Matthews announced that the Executive Session was closed. Mrs. Matthews brought forward a letter drafted by Kimberly Venzie regarding the Arborganics matter. Donald Cairns motioned that the letter be sent by Ms.Venzie to the counsel representing the complainants; the motion was seconded by Bill Covaleski. Motion carried.

**4. Approval of Minutes – April 16, 2016**

The Board meeting minutes were approved as sent. Motion made by Eli Silberman, seconded by Bill Covaleski. Motion carried.

**5. Subdivision Request(s):**

Margaret Hodgkiss-Lilly presented a subdivision request for the Chester and Rebecca Stoltzfus easement. Honey Brook Township and Brandywine Conservancy are the partners for this easement. A motion to grant permission to subdivide was made by Eli Silberman, seconded by Amy McKenna. Motion carried.

**6. Commonwealth/County Program – Status Report**

**2012 Round – 50% Donation**

Pannell, Bootsie	-----	Offer Accepted – Londonderry Township
Pannell Revocable Trust	-----	Offer Accepted – Londonderry Township

**2014 Round**

Stoltzfus, Ben	-----	Offer Accepted – Honey Brook Township
<b>King, Omar</b>	-----	<b>Offer Accepted – West Caln Township</b>

**2015 Round**

Brown Partnership #1	-----	Offer Accepted – New London Township
McDowell, Elizabeth	-----	Offer Accepted – New London Township
Jones, Pownall	-----	Offer Extended – New Garden Township

King, Clair	-----	Offer Accepted – Upper Oxford Township
<b>Breckbill, Richard</b>	-----	<b>Board Review – Upper/Lower Oxford Townships</b>
Bush #1	-----	Offer Accepted – W. Fallowfield Township
Bush #2	-----	Offer Accepted – W. Fallowfield Township
<b>Coates, Eric</b>	-----	<b>Rejected Offer – E. Nottingham Township</b>
Manfredi, Rocco	-----	Offer Accepted – New Garden Township
Miller Farm LP	-----	Second Appraisal – W. Nantmeal Township
Stoltzfus, Isaac	-----	Offer Accepted – Honey Brook Township
<b>Miller, John</b>	-----	<b>Offer Accepted – East Nottingham Township</b>
<b>Doughten, Matthew</b>	-----	<b>Offer Extended – Elk Township</b>
<b>Stoltzfus, Gideon</b>	-----	<b>Offer Extended – West Brandywine Township</b>

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

**2014 Round**

Kulp, Edward ----- Offer Accepted – North Coventry Township

**2015 Round**

**Pyle, Thomas** ----- **Offer Accepted – Warwick Township**  
**Barnard Orchards** ----- **Offer Extended – Newlin Township**  
**Henshaw, Michael and Barbara** ----- **Offer Extended – London Grove Township**

**8. Updates and Other Business –**  
No updates or other business.

**9. Adjournment** – Meeting adjourned at 3:22 p.m. Motion to adjourn made by Amy McKenna, seconded by Eli Silberman. Motion carried.

**10. Next Meeting** – June 28, 2016 at 2:00 PM, room 170, GSC.