

CHESTER COUNTY AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION BOARD

May 23, 2017

1. Call to Order

Chairwoman Melba Matthews called the May 23, 2017 meeting of the Agricultural Land Preservation Board (ALPB) to order at 2:09 pm, in room 209, Chester County Government Services Center.

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

Staff: William Gladden, Geoff Shellington, Veronica Protesto, and Alicia Lyons.

Public: Dave Rodgers, Honey Brook; Jesse Stoltzfus, Honey Brook; and Elmer Beiler, Honey Brook.

2. Public Comment

Public comment included in subdivision request.

3. Approval of Minutes

The Board meeting minutes from May 23, 2017 were approved as sent. Motioned by Amy McKenna and seconded by Donald Cairns. Motion carries.

4. Subdivision Requests (2)

- a. Veronica presents Jesse Stoltzfus proposed subdivision to the ALPB. Don Cairns motions to approve the subdivision, meeting the requirements of the ALPB. Eli Silberman seconds the motion. Motion carries.
- b. Veronica presents Paul and Kenneth Mann, Mary Carr, and Jennifer Yohn proposed subdivision to the ALPB. The board discussed moving the proposed subdivision lines to the West, so that the lines would more closely follow the natural land contour, making conservation plan compliance easier in the future. The subdivision would also require deeded road access through the current exception area to the house right at the Southeast corner of the proposed subdivided parcel. The ALPB subdivision approval is also subject to the Township's approval of the subdivision. Don Cairns motioned to approve the proposed subdivision subject to these aforementioned conditions; seconded by Amy McKenna. Motion carries.

5. Monitoring Presentation

Stewardship Coordinator, Veronica Protesto, gave a presentation on the laws and regulations outlined in the Commonwealth Conservation Easement Program Guide, and the Challenge Grant Easement Program regarding subdivision. Questions and answers followed.

6. State Ag. Easement Program - Status Report

2012 Round – 50% Donation

Pannell, Bootsie – Offer Accepted - Londonderry Township

Pannell – Revocable Trust – Offer Accepted – Londonderry Township

2015 Round _____

Balick, Marc – Offer Accepted – Elk Township

Black, Daniel – Offer Accepted – West Fallowfield Township

Brown Partnership #1 – Settlement Scheduled – New London Township
Harpham, Elizabeth – Offer Extended – Highland Township
Hawthorne, Judson & Stayce – Offer Accepted – West Fallowfield Township
King, Clair – Settled Easement – Upper Oxford Township
Leis, Walter – Settled Easement – East Nottingham Township
Manfredi, Rocco #1 – Settled Easement – New Garden Township
Manfredi, Rocco #2 – Settlement Scheduled – West Marlborough Township
McDowell, Elizabeth – Settled Easement – New London Township
Miller Farm LP – Settlement Scheduled – W. Nantmeal Township
Miller, John – Settled Easement – East Nottingham Township
Pearson, Dean – Offer Accepted – West Nottingham Township
Richardson, Dean – Settled Easement – West Marlborough Township
Ryan, James – Settled Easement – West Marlborough Township
Stoltzfus, David – Settled Easement – Honey Brook Township
Stoltzfus, Gideon – Settlement Scheduled – W. Brandywine Township
Stoltzfus, Isaac – Settled Easement – Honey Brook Township
Stoltzfus, Sam and Marian – Offer Accepted – Highland Township
Vanderhoef, John – Offer Declined – East Nottingham Township
White Clay Farms – Settled Easement – East Marlborough Township
Wylie, William – Settled Easement – West Marlborough Township

2016 Round

Boxler, Josephine – Offer Accepted – Franklin Township
Buchanan, Edward – Offer Accepted – Elk Township
Clark, William – Offer Accepted – Upper Oxford Township
Decker, Lisa – Board Review – West Nantmeal Township
Elston, Gary – Board Review – West Nantmeal Township
Fisher, Christian – Offer Accepted – Elk Township
Hamilton, James – Offer Accepted – West Fallowfield Township
Handy, William – Board Review – Valley Township
Harnish, Lamar – Settled Easement – East Nottingham Township
Harnish, Lamar – Offer Accepted – East Nottingham Township
Hutchison Farms – Offer Extended – Penn Township
Kieras Limited Partnership – Offer Extended – New London Township
King, Elam – Offer Accepted – Upper Oxford
King, Marvin – Offer Accepted – New London Township
Lapp, Ben and Mary – Offer Accepted – Honey Brook
Lapp, Melvin – Offer Accepted – West Fallowfield Township
Meister, Carl – Offer Extended – West Bradford Township
Newswanger, Larry – Board Review – Sadsbury Township
Schulz, Robert – Offer Accepted – Franklin Township
Stoltzfus, Christian – Offer Extended – Honey Brook Township
Umble, Ken – Board Review – West Sadsbury Township
Walton Farms – Board Review – West Fallowfield Township
Westlake Land Company – Offer Extended – Honey Brook Township

7. Challenge Grant Program – Status Report (if needed)

2015 Round

Barnard Orchards – Settled Easement – Newlin Township
Henshaw – Offer Extended – London Grove Township
Pyle, Thomas – Settled Easement – Warwick Township

2016 Round

Trammell, George – Offer Accepted– Pennsbury Township
Sheppard, Jonathan – Offer Extended – London Grove Township

8. Updates and Other Business

None

9. Executive Session

Real Estate: Appraisals (5)

10. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 3:44 pm. Eli Silberman motions, Don Cairns seconds the motion. Motion carries.

11. Next Meeting – June 27, 2017 at 2:00 PM in Room 170 – GSC