1. **Call to Order**

Chairwoman Melba Matthews called the October 24, 2017 meeting of the Agricultural Land Preservation Board (ALPB) to order at 2:03 pm, in room 175, Chester County Government Services Center.

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

Staff: Geoff Shellington, Veronica Protesto, and Linda Williams.

2. **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

3. **Approval of Minutes**

The Board meeting minutes from August 22, 2017 were approved. Motioned by Amy McKenna, Bill Covaleski seconds. Motion Carries.

4. **State Ag Easement Status**

**2012 Round – 50% Donation**

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

**2015 Round**

- Balick, Marc – Offer Accepted – Elk Township
- Black, Daniel – Offer Accepted – West Fallowfield Township
- Hawthorne, Judson & Stayce – Offer Accepted – West Fallowfield Township
- Pearson, Dean – Offer Accepted – West Nottingham Township
- Stoltzfus, Sam and Marian – Settled Easement – Highland Township

**2016 Round**

- Boxler, Josephine – Offer Accepted – Franklin Township
- Buchanan, Edward – Settled Easement – Elk Township
- Clark, William – Settled Easement – Upper Oxford Township
- Decker, Lisa – Offer Accepted – West Nantmeal Township
- Elston, Gary – Settled Easement – West Nantmeal Township
- Esch, John – Offer Extended – West Caln Township
- Fisher, Christian – Offer Accepted – Elk Township
- Hamilton, James – Settled Easement – West Fallowfield Township
- Handy, William – Offer Accepted – Valley Township
- Harnish, Lamar – Settled Easement – East Nottingham Township
- Hutchison Farms – Offer Accepted – Penn Township
- King, Elam – Offer Accepted – Upper Oxford Township
- King, Marvin – Offer Accepted – New London Township
- Lapp, Ben and Mary – Settled Easement – Honey Brook Township
- Lapp, Melvin – Settled Easement – West Fallowfield Township
- McElhenny, David – Offer Accepted – Honey Brook Township
- Meister, Carl – Offer Extended – West Bradford Township
- Neal, Frank – Offer Accepted – West Caln Township
- Newsong, Larry – Offer Accepted – Sadsbury Township
- Schulz, Robert – Offer Accepted – Franklin Township
- Stoltzfus, Christian – Offer Accepted – Honey Brook Township
2017 Round

Helfferich, William – Board Review – Warwick Township

5. Challenge Grant Program – Status Report
None

6. Executive Session
Real Estate: Appraisals (1)

7. Updates and Other Business
Donald Cairns was named Chester County Farmer of the Year by the Agricultural Development Council. Don commented that his guiding principles are land preservation, land stewardship, and educating the next generation of farmers.

Marilyn Hershey was named Dairy Woman of the Year at the International Dairy Expo in Madison, Wisconsin. Congratulations to both Don and Marilyn.

Geoff Shellington, Agricultural Programs Coordinator, gave a presentation on the top 10 farms from the 2017 applications.

Veronica Protesto, Stewardship Coordinator, gave a follow up presentation on Conservation Planning to continue the discussion from the previous Board meeting. Don Cairns mentioned discussing a revision category for conservation plans and BMP implementation incentives.

8. Adjournment
Meeting adjourned at 3:10 pm. Amy McKenna motions, Don Cairns seconds the motion. Motion carries.

9. Next Meeting – November 21, 2017 at 2:00 PM in Room 175 – GSC