1. **Call to Order**

   Chairwoman Melba Matthews called the January 23, 2018 meeting of the Agricultural Land Preservation Board (ALPB) to order at 1:59 pm, in room 175, Chester County Government Services Center.

   The following Board Members were in attendance: Melba Matthews, Donald Cairns, Eli Silberman, Richard Abbott, and Amy McKenna.
   Staff: Geoff Shellington, Mason Gilbert, Margaret Hodgkiss-Lilly, and Linda Williams.

2. **Public Comment**

   There was no public comment.

3. **Approval of Minutes**

   The Board meeting minutes from December 19, 2017 were approved. Motioned by Don Cairns, Richard Abbott seconds. Motion Carries.

4. **State Ag Easement Status**

   **2015 Round**
   
   Hawthorne, Judson & Stayce – Offer Accepted – West Fallowfield Township
   Pearson, Dean – Offer Accepted – West Nottingham Township

   **2016 Round**
   
   Fisher, Christian – Offer Accepted – Elk Township
   Handy, William – Offer Accepted – Valley Township
   Hutchison Farms – Offer Accepted – Penn Township
   McElhenny, David – Offer Accepted – Honey Brook Township
   Meister, Carl – Offer Extended – West Bradford Township
   Neal, Frank – Offer Accepted – West Caln Township
   Newswanger, Larry – Offer Accepted – Sadsbury Township
   Schulz, Robert – Offer Accepted – Franklin Township
   Stoltzfus, Christian – Offer Accepted – Honey Brook Township
   Umble, Ken – Offer Accepted – West Sadsbury Township
   Walton Farms – Offer Accepted – West Fallowfield Township
   **Westlake Land Company – Settled Easement – Honey Brook Township**
2017 Round

Buchanan, Sherry – Board Review – Elk Township
Glenroy & Glenknockie – Board Review – Lower Oxford, East and West Nottingham Townships
L&T Landholdings – Offer Extended – Penn Township
Helferrich, William – Offer Extended – Warwick Township
Moore, James – Offer Extended – East Nantmeal Township
Reyburn, Holly #1 – Offer Extended – Upper Oxford Township
Reyburn, Holly #2 – Offer Extended – Upper Oxford Township
Roberts, Ken – Offer Extended – London Britain Township
Rohrer, Gerald – Board Review – Upper Oxford Township
Stoltzfus, Benuel – Offer Extended – West Caln Township
Stoltzfus, Henry & Sadie – Board Review – Honey Brook Township
Stoltzfus, John et al – Offer Extended – Franklin Township
Trzcinski/Camphill – Offer Extended – West Vincent Township
Waltz, David – Board Review – West Fallowfield Township

5. Challenge Grant Program – Status Report

None

6. Executive Session

Real Estate: Appraisals (5)

7. Updates and Other Business

Don Cairns suggested waiting to continue the discussion regarding Conservation Plans until after the Stewardship Coordinator position is filled. Don Cairns made a motion to retroactively suspend the need to do 10 year Conservation Plan updates if farming practices remain the same, and no violations are observed. This will coincide with the State’s ruling to retroactively suspend the 10 year conservation plan update requirement. Richard Abbott seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Margaret Hodgkiss-Lilly, Stewardship Coordinator, presented a proposal from Michael Peters, the current landowner of the Tuel and Tingle Easement in Newlin Township, for a new 2 acre house right. The Board suggested Margaret Hodgkiss-Lilly and Geoff Shellington come up with a more viable spot to build the house. Margaret and Geoff will propose several options and present them to the landowner.

8. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 3:01 pm. Eli Silberman motions, Richard Abbott seconds the motion. Motion carries.

9. Next Meeting – February 27, 2018 at 2:00 PM in Room 250 – GSC