

**CHESTER COUNTY
AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION BOARD
MINUTES**

April 24, 2018 at 2:00 PM - GSC – Room 250

1. Call to Order

Chairwoman Melba Matthews called the April 24, 2018 meeting of the Agricultural Land Preservation Board (ALPB) to order at 2:12 pm, in room 250, Chester County Government Services Center.

The following Board Members were in attendance: Melba Matthews, Eli Silberman, Richard Abbott, Bill Covaleski, Amy McKenna, and Duane Hershey.

Staff: William Gladden, Geoff Shellington, Mason Gilbert, Evan Martin, Caroline Fritschle, and Linda Williams.

2. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

3. Approval of Minutes

The Board meeting minutes from February 27, 2018 were approved. Motioned by Amy McKenna, Eli Silberman seconds. Motion Carries.

4. Board Appreciation

Bill Gladden informed the Board that based on the offers authorized at the last meeting and the offers accepted since then, over 40,000 acres and 512 farms have been protected or are under agreement since the first farm was preserved by the County in 1990. He noted how much their service is appreciated by County Commissioners, the staff, the farm owners, public and all of our partners. Complimentary refreshments were provided as a small token of appreciation for the generous donation of their time and the integrity, collegiality, and diligence with which they execute their duties.

5. State Ag Easement Status

2015 Round

Hawthorne, Judson & Stayce – Offer Accepted – West Fallowfield Township
Pearson, Dean – Settled Easement – West Nottingham Township

2016 Round

Fisher, Christian – Settled Easement – Elk Township
Handy, William – Offer Accepted – Valley Township
Hutchison Farms – Offer Accepted – Penn Township
McElhenny, David – Offer Accepted – Honey Brook Township
Meister, Carl – Offer Accepted – West Bradford Township
Neal, Frank – Settled Easement – 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

Astle, Arthur – Offer Accepted – Lower Oxford Township

Buchanan, Sherry – Offer Accepted – Elk Township

Glenroy & Glenknockie – Offer Extended – Lower Oxford, East and West Nottingham Townships

L&T Landholdings – Offer Accepted – Penn Township

Helfferrich, William – Offer Accepted – Warwick Township

Moore, James – Offer Accepted – East Nantmeal Township

Reyburn, Holly #1 – Offer Accepted – Upper Oxford Township

Reyburn, Holly #2 – Offer Accepted – Upper Oxford Township

Roberts, Ken – Offer Accepted – London Britain Township

Rohrer, Gerald – Offer Accepted – Upper Oxford Township

Stoltzfus, Benuel – Offer Accepted – West Caln Township

Stoltzfus, Henry & Sadie – Offer Extended – Honey Brook Township

Stoltzfus, John et al. – Offer Accepted – Franklin Township

Stoltzfus, Jonas & Lizzie – Offered Accepted – Honey Brook Township

Trzcinski/Camphill – Offer Accepted – West Vincent Township

Tupitza, James – Board Review – Newlin Township

Waltz, David – Offer Accepted – West Fallowfield Township

Werner, John – Offer Accepted – West Nantmeal Township

6. Challenge Grant Program – Status Report

None

7. Executive Session

Real Estate: Appraisals (1)

8. Updates and Other Business

None

9. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 2:39 pm. Eli Silberman motions, Rick Abbott seconds the motion. Motion carries.

10. Next Meeting – May 22, 2018 at 2:00 PM in Room 250 – GSC