

**CHESTER COUNTY
AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION BOARD
MINUTES**

June 25, 2019 at 2:00 PM - GSC – Room 175

1. Call to Order:

Chairman Melba Matthews called the June 25, 2019 meeting of the Agricultural Land Preservation Board (ALPB) to order at 2:00 p.m. in Room 175, Chester County Government Services Center.

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

Absent were ALPB members John Diament, Mark Dunphy, Duane Hershey, and Bill Covaleski.

Staff Present: Geoffrey Shellington, Susan Manwiller, Sue Goughary, and Caroline Fritschle.

Visitors: No visitors attended. No members of the general public attended.

2. Public Comment:

No public comment was made.

3. Approval of Minutes:

The Board meeting minutes from May, 28 2019 were approved as sent.

Motion made by Richard Abbott, seconded by Eli Silberman. Motion carried.

4. State Ag. Easement Program – Status Report:

COMMONWEALTH/COUNTY PROGRAM – STATUS REPORT

2016 Round

McElhenny, David – Offer Accepted – Honey Brook

Newswanger, Larry – Offer Accepted – Sadsbury

2017 Round

Martin, Christina – Settled Easement – West Caln

Reyburn, Holly #1 – Settled Easement – Upper Oxford

Roberts, Ken – Settled Easement – London Britain

2018 Round

Clark, Joseph – Offer Accepted – Lower Oxford

Durborrow, Shirley & Palmer, Frank – Offer Accepted - Elk

Engle, Glen & Eileen – Offer Accepted - West Fallowfield

Esbenshade, Stephen & Jamie – Board Review - Highland

Estate of Donald Sebastian – Accepted – Lower Oxford/Penn

Fisher, John & Malinda – Offer Accepted – Oxford Borough

Gammon, Nora – Offer Accepted – East Nantmeal Township

Gianguilio, Peter & Geraghty, Barbara – Second Appraisal - W. Bradford & Newlin

Hendricks, Louise – Offer Extended – East Marlborough

Kelsall, Virginia – Board Review - Newlin

Herr Foods #2 – Offer Extended – West Nottingham

King, Marvin & Darryl #2 – Offer Accepted – New London
King, Neal & Mary Lou – Offer Accepted – West Fallowfield
King, Nolan & Nori – Offer Accepted – West Fallowfield
Lehrer Family Trust – Offer Accepted – Warwick Township
Losito, Michael & Barbara – Offer Accepted – New London/Penn
Martin, Kevin & Robin – Offer Accepted – Lower Oxford
Martin, Thomas, Helen & Barbara – Offer Extended- West Marlborough
Mayne, Lauren – Offer Extended – East Marlborough
McKinstry, Elizabeth – Offer Accepted – East Marlborough
Petersheim, Christ & Martha – Updating Appraisal – West Caln
Rawle, William & Anne – Offer Accepted – Upper Oxford
Rawle, William & Anne #2 – Offer Accepted – Upper Oxford
Smullen et al. – Offer Extended – Lower Oxford Township
Woodward Brothers Inc. – Offer Extended – Pennsbury Township

5. Challenge Grant Program – Status Report:

CHALLENGE GRANT PROGRAM – STATUS REPORT

2017 Round

Tupitza, James – Offer Accepted – Newlin

6. Subdivision Requests: Fischer Farm

Stewardship Coordinator Caroline Fritschle presented the Jacob and Sadie Fisher Farm subdivision request to the Board. The request is for a 30-acre tract to be subdivided off of the original farm for the son. The proposal would be for lot #1 to be 102.39 acres and lot #2 to be 30.03 acres. The house right will go with lot #2. Discussion continued. A motion was made by Richard Abbott, seconded by Donald Cairns, to approve the Fischer Farm subdivision with the proviso that the apartment must be vacated and certificate of occupancy removed from the barn/apartment. Motion carried.

7. Executive Session

a. Real Estate: Appraisals (2)

8. Updates and Other Business

The Board welcomed new Department of Open Space Preservation member, Sue Goughary. Additional updates and discussion continued.

9. Adjournment

ALPB Meeting adjourned at 2:24 p.m.

A motion was made by Richard Abbott, seconded by Eli Silberman. Motion carried.

10. Next Meeting – July 23, 2019 at 2:00 PM in Room 175 – GSC