CHESTER COUNTY
AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION BOARD
MINUTES

January 28, 2020 at 2:00 PM - GSC – Room 175

1. Call to Order:
Chairman Melba Matthews called the January 28, 2020 meeting of the Agricultural Land Preservation Board (ALPB) to order at 2:02 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, Bill Covaleski, Eli Silberman and Nelson Beam.

Absent were ALPB members John Diament, Richard Abbott and Duane Hershey.

Staff Present: Geoffrey Shellington, Sue Goughary, Evan Martin 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 November 19, 2019 were approved as sent. Motion made by Bill Covaleski, seconded by Don Cairns. 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

*2018 Round*
Angelo J. Zunino Limited Partnership – Offer Accepted – New Garden
Clark, Joseph – Offer Accepted – Lower Oxford
Durborow, Shirley & Palmer, Frank – Offer Accepted - Elk
Esbenshade, Stephen & Jamie – Offer Accepted - Highland
Fisher, John & Malinda – Settled Easement – Oxford Borough
Gammon, Nora – Offer Accepted – East Nantmeal Township
Gianquilio, Peter & Geraghty, Barbara – Second Appraisal - W. Bradford & Newlin
Hendricks, Louise – Offer Extended – East Marlborough
Kelsall, Virginia – Offer Accepted - Newlin
**Herr Foods #2 – Offer Rejected – West Nottingham**
King, Nolan & Nori – Settled Easement – West Fallowfield
Lehrer Family Trust – Offer Accepted – Warwick Township
Losito, Michael & Barbara – Offer Accepted – New London/Penn
Martin, Thomas, Helen & Barbara – Offer Accepted- West Marlborough
Maxwell, Teresa – Offer Accepted – West Fallowfield/Highland
Mayne, Lauren – Offer Accepted – East Marlborough
McKinstry, Elizabeth – Offer Accepted – East Marlborough
**Morelli, Thomas – Board Review – East Nantmeal**
5. Challenge Grant Program – Status Report:

   CHALLENGE GRANT PROGRAM – STATUS REPORT

   2019 Round

6. Pending Mushroom Operation Discussion
   Evan Martin presented information and the proposed layout for a new mushroom operation on preserved
   land in Elk Township. The Board further discussed the mushroom industry as a whole and its
   importance in agriculture and the County’s Farmland Preservation Program.

7. Subdivision Requests: None.

8. Executive Session
   a. Real Estate: Appraisals (3)

9. Updates and Other Business
   Caroline Fritschle discussed the issue of Amish Schoolhouses on eased land. It had been determined that
   they are not allowed in place of the additional residential house right and therefore would need to set aside
   an exception area for the schoolhouse ahead of easing the land.

   Geoff Shellington gave a brief update on the status of the County Solicitor’s review of the legislative
   changes to the subdivision regulations and language as written and stated he had a meeting scheduled with
   the Solicitor for the following week to get clarity on the legal interpretation of the legislative changes.

   Geoff Shellington discussed the certification of county funds for the Farmland Preservation Program and
   the allocation of funds for the upcoming year with several large farms in the pipeline.

10. Adjournment
    ALPB Meeting adjourned at 3:28 p.m.
    A motion was made by Eli Silberman, seconded by Don Cairns. Motion carried.

11. Next Meeting – February 25, 2020 at 2:00 PM in Room 175 – GSC