1. **Call to Order:**
Chairman Melba Matthews called the August 25, 2020 meeting of the Agricultural Land Preservation Board (ALPB) to order at 2:00 p.m. via WebEx Video Conference.

The following Board Members were in attendance: Chairman Melba Matthews, Vice-Chairman Donald Cairns, Richard Abbott, Eli Silberman, Bill Covaleski, Nelson Beam, Duane Hershey and Amy McKenna. Absent was John Diament.

Staff Present: Brianne Zanin, Geoffrey Shellington and Sue Goughary.

Visitors: No visitors attended. Public in attendance: No public attended.

2. **Approval of Minutes:**
The Board meeting minutes from June 23, 2020 were approved as written. A motion was made by Bill Covaleski, seconded by Eli Silberman. Motion carried.

4. **State Ag. Easement Program – Status Report:**

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   **COMMONWEALTH/COUNTY PROGRAM – STATUS REPORT**

   ** *2016 Round* **

   McElhenny, David – Offer Accepted – Honey Brook
   Newswagen, Larry – Offer Accepted – Sadsbury

   ** *2018 Round* **

   Angelo J. Zunino Limited Partnership – Offer Accepted – New Garden
   Clark, Joseph – Settled – Lower Oxford
   Durborow, Shirley & Palmer, Frank – Settled Easement - Elk
   Esbenshade, Stephen & Jamie – Settled - Highland
   Gianguillo, Peter & Geraghty, Barbara – Second Appraisal - W. Bradford & Newlin
   Hendricks, Louise – Offer Extended – East Marlborough
   Kelsall, Virginia – Offer Accepted - Newlin
   ** Lehrer Family Trust – Settled Easement – Warwick Township **
   Losito, Michael & Barbara – Settled Easement – New London
   Martin, Thomas, Helen & Barbara – Offer Accepted - West Marlborough
   Maxwell, Teresa – Offer Accepted – West Fallowfield/Highland
   ** Mayne, Lauren – Settled Easement – East Marlborough **
   McKinstry, Elizabeth – Settled Easement – East Marlborough
5. Challenge Grant Program – Status Report:

CHALLENGE GRANT PROGRAM – STATUS REPORT

2019 Round

Sheppard, Jonathan – Offer Extended – London Grove
Springsteen, Susan – Offer Extended – West Nantmeal and Honey Brook

6. Executive Session

a. Real Estate: Appraisals (4)

7. Election of Officers:
Chairman, Melba Matthews gave a brief explanation of the duties of each board position up for re-election, which were Vice-Chairman and Secretary. Melba Matthews spoke of what a fantastic job
Donald Cairns has done in his role as Vice Chairman. A Motion was made by Richard Abbott, seconded by Nelson Beam, to re-appoint Donald Cairns as Vice-Chairman of the Agricultural Land Preservation Board. Duane Hershey then spoke highly of his time serving as Secretary of the Board, however decided to resign rather than be re-appointed. Duane nominated Nelson Beam, and after a brief discussion a motion was made by Duane Hershey, second by Richard Abbott, to appoint Nelson Beam as Secretary of the Agricultural Land Preservation Board. Motion carried.

8. **Updates and Other Business:**
   Geoff Shellington gave an update on the 2020 applications and ranking process for the upcoming year and the timing of same. The goal is to have ranking near complete by end of September and be able to present some of the top farms to the Board at the next possible ALPB meeting.

   Brianne Zannin informed the Board that Dave Stauffer, the new Director for the Department of Parks+Preservation, would be starting August 31, 2020. She gave some background on Mr. Stauffer’s experience with Chester County parks and trails in his previous role with the county. Brianne thanked the Board members for all of their efforts and said how appreciative she is for her time with the department. The Board members all wished her well on her new endeavors serving as Deputy Administrator for Chester County.

9. **Adjournment:**
   ALPB Meeting adjourned at 2:59 p.m.
   A motion was made by Richard Abbott, seconded by Nelson Beam. Motion carried.

10. **Next Meeting – September 22, 2020 at 2:00 PM - Virtual via Cisco Webex Meetings**