

**PENN TOWNSHIP AGRICULTURAL SECURITY AREA ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**February 18, 2015 – 5:30 PM**

**ATTENDANCE:**

Dale Hershey, Chairperson  
Glenn Sauder  
Dale Nolt  
Richard Landis

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Betsy Logan, Director of Community Development and Public Outreach  
Stephanie Armpriester, Lancaster Farmland Trust

**Call to Order**

Betsy Logan called the meeting to order at approximately 5:30 PM.

**Reorganization**

A motion was made by Nolt, seconded by Sauder to appoint Hershey as the chairperson. Motion carried 3-1.

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Nolt, seconded by Sauder to approve the minutes of the December 7, 2016. Motion carried 4-0.

**Public Comment/Guest Recognition**

Armpriester presented an issue that arose during the process of preserving the farm located at 577 Warehouse Road. The Township Declaration of Restrictions prohibits the subdivision on land once the TDRs are extinguished. It allows for the construction of one dwelling, not that dwelling cannot be subdivided. Both Lancaster Farmland Trust and Lancaster Agricultural Preservation Board allow for at least one subdivision after preservation. Armpriester requested the Committee provide guidance to the Board of Supervisors on whether subdivision of land should be allowed, and if allowed, how many subdivision rights would be allowed.

After a lengthy discussion, a motion was made by Nolt, seconded by Sauder to table the discussion to the next meeting. Motion carried 4-0.

**Agricultural Security Area (ASA) Petition: 474 West Newport Road, 82 acres**

Logan reviewed the criteria for a property to be included in the ASA. These criteria were discussed in relation to the property. A motion was made by Nolt and seconded by Sauder to recommend to the Board of Supervisors to add the property to the ASA.

### **Ranking Criteria for Penn Township for TDR Preservation**

The draft criteria discussed at the last meeting was reviewed. Three farms recently reviewed by the Committee were used to demonstrate how the ranking would work. Based on the discussion, Logan will revise the criteria for the next meeting.

### **Farmland Trust Preservation: 577 Warehouse Road, 84.9 acres**

A discussion occurred regarding the previous recommendation of the Committee regarding this property. During the process, it was identified by the applicant that they did not want the Township to be identified as a contributor to the preservation of the farm. After discussion, a motion was made by Nolt, seconded by Sauder to recommend to the Board they condition the use of preservation funds be conditioned upon credit to the Township.

### **Other Business**

The Committee members were all invited to the Joint Boards Meeting on Monday, February 29, 2016 at 7:00 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 10, 2016 at 5:30 pm.

### **Adjournment**

A motion was made by Hershey and seconded by Nolt to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:30 PM. The motion passed unanimously.