

**PENN TOWNSHIP AGRICULTURAL SECURITY AREA ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES (VIA TELECONFERENCE)  
APRIL 2, 2020 – 7:00 PM**

**ATTENDANCE:**

Richard Landis, Chair  
Jared Bruckhart  
Dale Nolt  
Dale Hershey  
Glenn Sauder

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mark Heister, Township Manager  
Matt Knepper, Lancaster County Agricultural  
Preserve Board  
Jennifer Brady, Township Planner

**Call to Order**

Mr. Landis called the meeting to order at 7:05

**Introductions**

Mr. Landis asked for roll call attendance due to teleconference.

**Discussion Items**

Mr. Landis asked Jennifer Brady to read the petitions as written due to some individuals only joining by telephone.

Petition of David Nolt to add farm to Township's Agricultural Security Area – Acknowledge receipt of Nolt petition to add the farm at 1344 Lancaster Road (Tax Parcel 5004122700000) to the Penn Township Agricultural Security Area, action requested.

Mr. Landis asked for comments on the David Nolt petition. Dale Hershey commented that the admittance to the Penn Township Agriculture Security Area (ASA) would create a continuous section of ASA farms, and this would be good. Part of the property is currently zoned commercial, and as David Nolt is looking to preserve his farm through the Lancaster APB, this would need rezoned, or not included within the preservation process. However, the included the farm in the ASA, zoning is not a limiting factor. Matt Knepper helped clarify the ASA and APB differences.

In a motion made by Dale Hershey and seconded by Glenn Sauder, the petition to add the David Nolt farm at 1344 Lancaster Road to the Penn Township Agricultural Security Area passed unanimously.

Mr. Landis asked for comments on the Eli and Sadie Stoltzfus petition. Mr. Landis noted that his property is adjacent to the petition before the committee, but he will not benefit directly from the addition of the property into the ASA. Jennifer Brady read the petition as written on the agenda.

Petition of Eli and Sadie Stoltzfus to add farm to Township's Agricultural Security Area – Acknowledge receipt of Stoltzfus petition to add the farm at 1227 Mountain Road (Tax Parcel 5004380500000) to the Penn Township Agricultural Security Area, action requested.

Comments from the committee members were favorable. Notes included continuous ASA farms surrounding the Stoltzfus farm petition and a high-ranking of 24/27 points. On a motion from Dale Nolt with a second from Jared Bruckhart, the petition to add the Eli and Sadie Stoltzfus farm at 1227 Mountain Road to the Penn Township Agricultural Security Area passed unanimously.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:32 PM by Mr. Hershey and seconded by Mr. Nolt.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 14, 2020 at 7PM.