

PENN TOWNSHIP AGRICULTURAL SECURITY AREA ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
January 28, 2020 – 7:00 PM

ATTENDANCE:

Richard Landis, Board of Supervisors & Chairman
Dale Nolt
Glenn Sauder
Jared Bruckhart

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Jennifer Brady, Township Planner

Call to Order

Mr. Landis called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Introductions

There were no community members present.

Previous Meeting Minutes

After review of the November 12, 2020 meeting minutes, Chair Landis asked for a motion of approval. Bruckhart made a motion to approve the minutes as written, and Nolt seconded them. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion Items

Jennifer Brady presented information from the Lancaster County Ag. Preserve Board for upcoming farm preservations in the county.

Dale Nolt led a discussion regarding the proposed Farmer Appreciation/Learning Event. The purpose is to be encouraging to local Penn Township farmers and to also inform farmers of resources available to them.

The group discussed some logistical items, such as space and seating maximum capacity with also adhering to pandemic regulations. Dale Nolt agreed to follow up with event locations and begin the inquiries. Possible location would be the farm show building, as it is very large and spacious and local.

Attendees of the event would be farmers of Penn Township. If the event is well attended, it could expand to include others. Farmers might be encouraged to bring a family member. The committee also discussed a strong emphasis on younger farmers.

The committee discussed the Township taking an active role in the event. Farming and ag. related businesses have heavy protections from the state, but sometimes local regulations can cause difficulties or miscommunication. Township representatives could be invited to speak at the event, though the committee has not yet decided who that may be.

Discussion occurred regarding door prizes and if legal for a government associated entity to sponsor them. Jennifer B. said she'd check with Mark H. regarding legality.

Jennifer B. will also follow up with the ASAAC regarding ASA properties and contact information, as well as list of benefit for farmers to want to inquire or join the ASA,

Action Items

The ASAAC discussed the 7-Year Review. On a motion from Nolt and a second from Sauder, the Penn Township ASAAC voted to recommend to the Board of Supervisors that the Agricultural Security Area of Penn Township remain the same without modification, addition or subtraction and automatically renew for another 7 years. The motion passed unanimously and will be on the next Board of Supervisors agenda (2/8/21).

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:48 PM on a motion for Bruckhart and a second from Nolt

The next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, March 11, 2021** at 7:00 PM at Penn Township Municipal Building.