PENN TOWNSHIP AGRICULTURAL SECURITY AREA ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

November 10, 2022 - 7:00 PM

ATTENDANCE:

Richard Landis, Board of Supervisors & Chairman Darvin Myer Dale Nolt

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Jennifer Tulonen, 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 September 8, 2022 meeting minutes, Chair Landis asked for a motion of approval. Myer made a motion to approve the minutes as written, and Nolt seconded them. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion Items

The farmer appreciation event was discussed in detail. February 2, 2022 is the date for the event, 6-8pm. Jennifer confirmed the Manheim Farm Show is booked for the event.

Dale Nolt communicated that Jeff Graybill will be able to attend as the featured speaker. The group discussed inviting Jeff coming to the next Ag. Security meeting and speaking about topics for February, Dale Nolt will reach out to Jeff for confirmation. A special meeting will be called for December 8, 2022 (pending advertising requirements).

Jennifer T. reported that Gary Stevens (Supervisor) has gone to a few farms for photos. Darvin will connect with Gary and use the drone for footage. The group reviewed the photos and will review them and make a final decision when the photo album is complete.

Jennifer T. confirmed prior year expenses at about \$2300, \$2000 for food and \$300 as a donation to the Farm Show for the space. the Board has allowed for \$2500 for this year's event. Jennifer T. will follow up with Zig's to confirm a menu. Preliminary discussions with the caterer are below, and the committee agreed that this should be fine. If it's possible to stay within budget, a 3rd meat option may be added.

- 2 meats, pulled pork and chicken breast
- 1 potato
- 1 vegetable green beans

Dale N. will do the desserts for this year and reach out to Kreider Farm's for drinks (and maybe ice cream).

Richard L., and Dale N. will work on the addressing prior to the next meeting, Jennifer will update the list for invitations when complete and invitations should be sent out before the end of the year, ideally middle of December.

Chair Landis brought up the idea of budgeting for next year if it is the wish of the committee to have well-known speakers for the event. Sponsorship was also discussed.

The committee confirmed that there would be no farmer-related organizations at this year's event.

Darvin Myer also communicated preservation efforts are ongoing for his farm.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM on a motion from Nolt and a second from Myer.

The next meeting is scheduled for THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2022 at 7:00 PM at Penn Township Municipal Building.