PENN TOWNSHIP AGRICULTURAL SECURITY AREA ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

December 8, 2022 - 7:00 PM

ATTENDANCE:

Richard Landis, Board of Supervisors & Chairman

Darvin Myer
Dale Nolt

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Jennifer Tulonen, Township Planner Jeff Graybill

Call to Order

Glen Sauder

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

Introductions

Jeff Graybill was present to discuss roles in the upcoming Farmer Appreciation Event.

Previous Meeting Minutes

After review of the November 10, 2022 meeting minutes, Chair Landis asked for a motion of approval. Nolt made a motion to approve the minutes as written, and Myer seconded them. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion Items

Jeff Graybill was invited by Dale Nolt to go over expectations for the Farmer Event on February 2, 2023. Jeff communicated that the prior year's event was well thought out, and had a good number of individuals in attendance. Jeff will work with Dale Nolt to develop a powerpoint (max 15 minutes) and include statistics for farming based on Lancaster County numbers. Penn Township individual data would be too difficult to obtain.

Potential topics included: monetary value of different industries, including feed and trucking, soy bean plant in Marietta and USDA tracking of commodities and how Lancaster County fits in.

Jeff communicated that he has a prior commitment on February 2, 2023. The committee proposed the following Thursday, February 9, 2023 as an alternate date. Dale Nolt confirmed the Farm Show Complex was available for that date and booked it. Jennifer will reach out to the caterer and change the date. Once confirmed, Jennifer will send an update once confirmed.

The committee reviewed the draft invitation. Chair Landis asked for a text change to communicate "exclusive event", Jennifer will update and send out when it's been changed.

The committee went over the drone photos taken by Darvin Myer and his son and identified property owners.

The committee confirmed the menu. Jennifer will confirm with the caterer when changing the date.

The committee further reviewed the invitation list and Jennifer and Barb will send out next week.

New Business

The committee was made aware of an upcoming farm preservation. The Lancaster County Ag. Preserve Board will be coming to the next meeting, January 12, 2023 to discuss.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:27 PM on a motion from Nolt and a second from Sauder.

The next meeting is scheduled for THURSDAY, JANUARY 12, 2023 at 7:00 PM at Penn Township Municipal Building.