PENN TOWNSHIP AGRICULTURAL SECURITY AREA ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

September 14, 2023 - 7:00 PM

ATTENDANCE:

Richard Landis, Board of Supervisors & Chairman, via mobile Dale Nolt Glen Sauder Jared Bruckhart

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 March 9, 2023 meeting minutes, Chair Landis asked for a motion of approval. Nolt made a motion to approve the minutes as written, and Sauder seconded them. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Jennifer explained the situation with the progress of the farm preservation at 2253 Airy Hill Road. A small portion of the property is zoned Village (V) and is located within the Township's Urban Growth Area. This portion of the property will need to be rezoned to Agriculture (AG) and removed from the UGA through a comprehensive plan amendment prior to be added to the Township's preserved farms.

The Township is pursuing both processes at this time and will return in November for the recommendation to add the farm to the ASAAC in its entirety after the rezoning and comprehensive plan update.

New Business

The group discussed the upcoming Farmer Appreciation Night in great detail. Chair Landis informed the group the Board of Supervisors are in the process of approving the 2024 budget, so if additional funds are needed, a request should be made. On a motion from Nolt and second from Bruckhart, the ASAAC recommended Chair Landis make a request to the Board. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:33 PM on a motion from Nolt and a second from Bruckhart.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 9, 2023 at 7:00 PM at Penn Township Municipal Building.