

PENN TOWNSHIP AGRICULTURAL SECURITY AREA ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
December 11, 2023 – 7:00 PM

ATTENDANCE:

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

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Jennifer Tulonen, Township Planner

Call to Order

Mr. Landis called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM.

Introductions

There were no community members present.

Previous Meeting Minutes

After review of the September 14 meeting minutes, Chair Landis asked for a motion of approval. Nolt made a motion to approve the minutes as revised, 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 was proposed 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. Both items were approved by the Penn Township Board of Supervisors.

Chair Landis asked for questions, hearing none, he requested motion of approval. Nolt made a motion to recommend to the Penn Township Board of Supervisors that the farm located at 2253 Airy Hill Road be preserved, and Sauder seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously; Myer recused.

Chair Landis asked for questions, comments, or concerns about the ASAAC contributing funds to facilitate the preservation of the farm at 2253 Airy Hill Road. After brief discussion, he requested motion of approval. Nolt made a motion to recommend to the Penn Township Board of Supervisors that the farm located at 2253 Airy Hill Road receive a total of \$50,000 from the ASAAC fund, and Sauder seconded the item. The motion passed unanimously; Myer recused.

New Business

Chair Landis requested a motion to add an agenda item – farmer appreciation event. Nolt made the motion and Myer seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

The group discussed the upcoming Farmer Appreciation Night in detail. Jennifer T. provided details regarding the caterer's schedule. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Myer and seconded by Nolt to hold the 2024 event on **FEBRUARY 8, 2024**.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:17 PM on a motion from Nolt and a second from Myer.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 11, 2024 at 7:00 PM at Penn Township Municipal Building.