

PENN TOWNSHIP AGRICULTURAL SECURITY AREA ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
November 13, 2025 – 7:00 PM

ATTENDANCE:

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

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 11, 2025 meeting minutes, Chair Landis asked for a motion of approval. Myer made a motion to approve and Nolt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Decision Items

- **Application of 1691 Auction Road**, Tax ID 5004913900000: Addition of approximately +- 123 acres to the Penn Township existing Agricultural Security Area.

Jennifer T. presented the decision item to the ASAAC; including updated materials for the petition of 1691 Junction Road – minutes reflecting favorable recommendation from the Penn Township Planning Commission and the ASAAC.

The petition for the property is unique that some acres (<1acre) is depicted on Lancaster County GIS maps as located within East Hempfield Township, the vast majority of the farm – 123 acres – is located within Penn Township. Property owners are interested in pursuing preservation of the farm, but have not made a decision on which Lancaster County entity (Lancaster Farmland Trust or LCAPB) to pursue the process with; discussions with both entities and the property owners are ongoing.

A motion was made by Nolt to recommend to the Penn Township Board of Supervisors the petition for 1691 Junction Road be added to the existing Penn Township Agricultural Security Area. The motion was seconded by Bruckhart; the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion Items

- **Farmer Appreciation Event**

Chair Landis updated the committee on the speakers:

- Dennis Lehman – Old Springhouse Bison Farm, confirmed.
- Sean Haldeman – quail farm, confirmed
- Jared Bruckhart, seed production, confirmed.
- Richard Landis, flours and mixes, grain mill, (backup)

After discussion, the ASAAC deemed it appropriate to have Chair Landis act as an interviewer/asking prompting questions of the panel speakers. At the next ASAAC meeting (1/15/26), Chair Landis will have the sample of questions prepared for the committee to review. Speakers for the farmer event will be invited to attend the meeting on 1/15/26 as well.

Chair Landis will coordinate to determine a moderator of the panel, if Ben Bruckhart is willing, or a combination of Dale Nolt/Richard Landis, as a backup.

The committee discussed the invitations. After reviewing the photos, and after confirming with the property owner, the photo for the 2026 event will feature 1692 Sanctuary Road (Dennis Lehman property owner). Staff will update the invitation text to read “This year’s event will showcase a 3-person panel of local farmers in Penn Township.” Staff would expect to send final invitations soon after the 2026 new year.

- The ASAAC reviewed the invitation list, Jennifer T. will update names/addresses as requested. Invitations are expected to be sent in the new year.

Jennifer T. confirmed that Peter's BBQ is available for February 3, 2026 for the catering at the Farm Show. Approximately \$1,300 was spent in 2025 for the caterer, the price of the caterer will be higher than years past, but Jennifer T. does not expect to exceed budget. A similar menu will be chosen from available options as previous years.

- **Drinks/Ice cream** – Dale Nolt will contact Jay Livingood/Kreider Farms regarding drinks/ice cream. Jennifer T. will coordinate ordering forms/invoices as needed.
- **Dessert table** – Dale Nolt will contact local bakers for the dessert table. Jennifer T. will coordinate invoices as needed.
- **Centerpieces** will be sponsored by Haldeman Mills.
- **Doorprizes** were discussed in addition to centerpieces. Coordination of obtaining doorprizes (to be sponsored by the speakers, Lehman, Haldeman, and Bruckhart) will be initially done through Chair Landis with support from Jennifer T. for invoice coordination, as needed. The committee discussed using tickets as a way to award the doorprizes when guests arrive.
 - Doorprize ideas as discussed by the ASAAC: Lehman: jerky/meat, Haldeman: eggs, Bruckhart, seed/beans.
 - Jennifer T. will acquire tickets for the doorprize and a small basket for drawing.
- **Suggestion Box for Speakers** – a method for gaining additional local farmers who may be willing to speak at the event in coming years. Jennifer T. will craft a small box for this need and it will be available at the event in February.

New Business

- No new business was discussed.

Communications

- No communications were presented.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM on a motion from Nolt and a second from Myer.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 15, 2026 at 7:00 PM at Penn Township Municipal Building.