

**SOLEBURY TOWNSHIP FARM COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF AUGUST 28, 2018**

**PRESENT:** Kaitlin Farbotnik (Chair), Tim Luccaro (Vice Chair), Brian Smith, Buz Teacher, Graham Phillips, Stephen Phillips, Josh Perlsweig, Kevin Morrissey (Liaison) and Nicole Slack (Administrator)

**AUDIENCE:** Michael Warden, Wayne Kenton, Craig Haney

**I. OPENING OF MEETING**

Chair Farbotnik called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES –**

On a motion by Josh Perlsweig, seconded by Buz Teacher, the minutes of the June 5, 2018 Farm Committee meeting unanimously approved.

**III. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**IV. NEW BUSINESS**

**V. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Initiation of New Farmer Program

Several discussions have been held in regards to the best way possible to reach potential farmers and current farmers looking for support and guidance. At this point the Farm Committee has agreed the best approach is to develop a web page that will provide information to potential farmers. This information will link potential farmers with Solebury property owners. Links discussed were PASA and PA Farm link.

In addition, the committee discussed the use of a Facebook Page. The Farm Committee will be responsible for the content of this page, as a means of communication for farmers and potential farmers. The purpose of this page is to provide information and develop a sense of community.

Temporary Lodging Ordinance

Supervisor Liaison Kevin Morrissey was to request a meeting with the Township Solicitor to discuss the Board of Supervisors approved Temporary Lodging Ordinance and its applicability to farm housing issues. The committee will provide a list of items they would like to discuss.

Agricultural Use Ordinance

One Farm Committee will be attending the September 10<sup>th</sup> meeting for the Planning Commission where they will be discussing the Agricultural Use Ordinance.

### Subcommittee Meetings vs. Farm Committee

Going forward the committee will no longer hold subcommittee meetings, rather involve the entire committee with any issues and assign certain members to specific projects if necessary.

#### **VI. PUBLIC COMMENT –**

- Buz Teacher led discussion on crop damage and Michael Warden explained the rules are stringent; there is a lack of properties enrolled in the Deer Management program and an abundance of willing hunters. They were looking for an extension of the hunting season to 10 months out of the year.
- Wayne Kenton expressed concern over impervious service in regards to stone road for access to farm. Mr. Morrissey advised Wayne to schedule a meeting with Dennis to discuss further. Determine whether or not there is an exemption from impervious surface if it is used for agricultural purposes.

#### **VII. ADJOURNMENT**

**Upon a Motion by Mr. Teacher, seconded by Mr. Luccaro, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Nicole Slack  
Farm Committee Administrator